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Former PC shot during a robbery calls on officials to recognise wounded emergency staff

LET'S HONOUR NATION'S INJURED 999 HEROES

BY **ADAM TOMS**

A FORMER PC shot in the face by a robber has backed the Express's Honour Our Injured 999 Heroes crusade.

Billy Burns, *right*, is frustrated at the lack of progress on creating a medal for staff forced to stop work.

He said: "It's a no-brainer. It's quite

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Another one bites the dust taking on top Traitor Rachel

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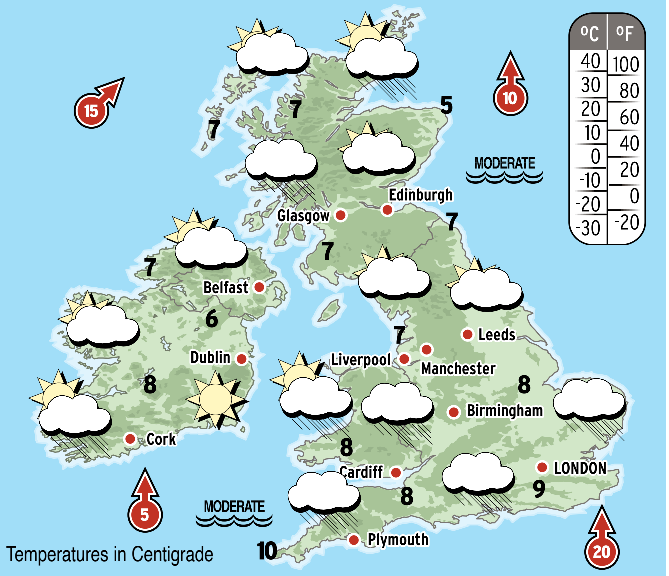
WEATHER FORECAST



Temperatures in Centigrade

Today's summary: Morning cloudy, evening rainy

North West: Clouds with drizzle early, clearing to sunny spells. Light winds, cool throughout. High 8C (46F).

Northern Ireland: Dry and fine with variable amounts of sunshine. Moderate north-westerly winds. High 6C (43F).

Wales: Overcast with light drizzle early, heavier drizzle later. Gentle breezes, cool throughout. High 8C (46F).

Midlands: Mostly cloudy with light rain, mainly later. Moderate north-westerly winds. High 7C (45F).

North East/Yorks: Some sunny spells but cloudier with the chance of a shower later. Light winds. High 8C (46F).

Scotland: Damp with brief sunny spells. Clouds dominate later. Gentle winds, turning chilly. High 7C (45F).

East Anglia: Wet with outbreaks of rain, possibly heavy later. Gentle southerly winds. High 9C (48F).

London/South East: Overcast and wet with rain at times, turning heavy later. Moderate south-westerly winds. High 9C (48F).

South: Overcast and wet with rain, some of it heavy. Moderate northerly winds. High 9C (48F).

South West: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain or drizzle, mostly quite light. Gentle north-westerly winds. High 8C (46F).

Channel Isles: Wet with outbreaks of rain, possibly heavy at times. Brisk westerly winds. High 10C (50F).

Sea: North Sea: Moderate. Irish Sea: Moderate. Channel: Moderate.

UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW: Expect cloudy skies with scattered showers, turning heavier later. Winds remain light to moderate, temperatures cool throughout the day.

SIX-DAY FORECAST

Temperatures in Centigrade

	FRI			SAT			SUN			MON			TUE			WED		
		min	max		min	max		min	max		min	max		min	max		min	max
London	⛅	5	10	🌧	5	9	🌧	4	8	☁	3	8	⛅	2	7	⛅	4	7
Belfast	⛅	4	7	🌦	4	8	🌦	5	7	🌧	4	7	🌦	4	6	🌧	4	7
Birmingham	⛅	4	9	🌧	4	7	🌧	4	7	🌧	3	7	⛅	3	6	🌧	3	6
Cardiff	🌦	5	9	🌦	4	8	🌧	5	8	🌧	3	8	🌦	4	7	🌧	4	7
Glasgow	🌦	3	7	⛅	2	7	🌧	4	7	🌧	3	7	🌦	3	7	🌧	3	7
Manchester	⛅	5	8	⛅	5	8	🌧	4	8	🌧	4	7	🌦	3	7	🌧	3	7
Newcastle	🌦	3	6	⛅	5	7	🌧	4	7	🌧	3	6	🌦	3	6	🌧	3	6
Norwich	⛅	4	9	🌧	4	8	☁	4	7	☁	4	7	☁	2	7	☁	3	6
Plymouth	🌦	7	10	🌦	6	10	🌦	6	9	🌦	6	9	🌦	6	8	🌧	6	8

Britain yesterday

24 hours to 5pm	SUN (hrs)	RAIN (ins)	TEMP (min)	(max)
Aberdeen	0.1	0.01	0	5
Aberporth	1.1	0.02	-2	5
Alnwick	2.7	0.00	1	6
Belfast	0.0	0.15	0	6
Birmingham	1.5	0.01	-2	4
B'mouth	2.2	0.02	-3	8
Bristol	1.7	0.01	-2	6
Cardiff	0.0	0.02	-2	5
Durham	1.9	0.00	0	6
Edinburgh	0.3	0.00	2	6
Glasgow	0.0	0.18	2	6
Hull	4.8	0.01	-1	4
Ipswich	6.2	0.03	-1	6
Leeds	3.5	0.01	0	4
Lincoln	2.2	0.00	0	4
London	5.1	0.05	0	8
Manchester	1.0	0.01	-2	4
Oxford	3.7	0.00	-3	5
S'hampton	0.6	0.02	2	9
St Andrews	0.0	0.00	0	6

Moon, sun and tides

MOON rises: 6.00am, sets: 12.39pm
SUN rises London: 7.59am, sets: 4.21pm
Manchester rises: 8.17am, sets: 4.20pm

New Moon
18 January

HIGH TIDE

London B'ge	(11.15am), (11.46pm)
Liverpool	(8.50am), (9.19pm)
Greenock	(10.09am), (10.12pm)
Dover	(8.42am), (9.15pm)

Britain Extremes: (24 hours to 11pm Tuesday)

Warmest: Exeter Airport, 12c (53f).
Coldest: Dundreggan, -2c (29f).
Wettest: Spadeadam, 0.91ins.
Sunniest: Katesbridge, 6.3hrs.

Lighting-up times

Belfast	4.29pm-8.36am
Birmingham	4.23pm-8.09am
Bristol	4.30pm-8.08am
Glasgow	4.15pm-8.36am
London	4.21pm-7.58am
Manchester	4.20pm-8.16am
Newcastle	4.10pm-8.20am

Europe forecast

Today			Tomorrow		
Amsterdam	Rain	9C/48F	**Amsterdam**	Fair	9C/48F
Brussels	Rain	10C/50F	**Brussels**	Cloudy	10C/50F
Dublin	Sunny	8C/46F	**Dublin**	Fair	8C/46F
Frankfurt	Cloudy	10C/50F	**Frankfurt**	Fair	10C/50F
Geneva	Rain	10C/50F	**Geneva**	Fair	7C/45F
Lisbon	Showers	14C/57F	**Lisbon**	Thunder	13C/55F
Madrid	Rain	9C/48F	**Madrid**	Drizzle	10C/50F
Paris	Cloudy	11C/52F	**Paris**	Cloudy	11C/52F
Rome	Drizzle	15C/59F	**Rome**	Fair	15C/59F

Around the world yesterday

		C	F
Amsterdam	Sunny	7	45
Athens	Sunny	14	57
Barcelona	Sunny	12	54
Berlin	Rain	6	43
Budapest	Cloudy	-4	25
Cairo	Cloudy	16	61
Cape Town	Sunny	26	79
Casablanca	Thndr	16	61
Corfu	Sunny	13	55
Dublin	Rain	6	43
Dubrovnik	Cloudy	11	52
Faro	Sunny	16	61
Florence	Shwrs	11	52
Gibraltar	Thndr	14	57
Guernsey	Rain	10	50
Hong Kong	Sunny	20	68
Istanbul	Fair	8	46
Jersey	Cloudy	9	48
Larnaca	Sunny	15	59
Las Palmas	Fair	20	68
Los Angeles	Sunny	25	77
Luxor	Sunny	17	63
Malaga	Cloudy	15	59
Mallorca	Sunny	17	63
Malta	Fair	17	63
Melbourne	Fair	22	72
Miami	Cloudy	23	73
Moscow	Snow	-5	23
Nairobi	Sunny	23	73
New Delhi	Sunny	15	59
New York	Sunny	7	45
Nice	Cloudy	14	57
Nicosia	Sunny	12	54
Perth	Sunny	27	81
Prague	Drizzle	2	36
Singapore	Cloudy	29	84
Stockholm	Sleet	0	32
Sydney	Fair	26	79
Tel Aviv	Shwrs	16	61
Tenerife	Sunny	22	72
Toronto	Cloudy	2	36
Tunis	Sunny	17	63
Venice	Cloudy	6	43
Vienna	Cloudy	-3	27
Warsaw	Snow	-5	23

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Over-70s may face 'insulting' bills for driver eyesight test

BY **JONATHAN WALKER**
Whitehall Editor

Older drivers face regular checks to keep their licence

MINISTERS were accused of "adding insult to injury" as it emerged that older motorists may have to pay for eye tests in order to keep driving.

The government sparked outrage after it announced that over-70s will need to pass regular vision checks to keep their licence, with campaigners accusing them of blaming older motorists for traffic accidents despite younger drivers being the main risk.

That anger grew last night when it emerged that over-70s may have to pick up the test bill. Over-60s are entitled to a free check but it is not thorough enough to prove a driver is safe, the Department for Transport claimed.

Dennis Reed, director of older people's campaign group Silver Voices, said: "You will see older drivers forced off the road because they can't afford the test even if their eyesight is fine. That is an outrage."

Standard tests measure ability to see clearly but the drivers' test will also need to measure field of vision – the space a person can see at any moment.

Documents from the Department said options include "developing a bespoke test to assess if a driver meets the vision standards for driving" which could be administered "by opticians, the NHS or through bespoke test centres for driving eyesight tests".

Ministers are considering making the test free but the department notes it "will have a cost for government".

Stricter

Other options are to make drivers pay or to split the cost between "government and the licence holder". A test may be required every three years.

Mr Reed added: "Pensioners are going to face a stricter test than other drivers and then they will be expected to foot the bill for it too. It is adding insult to injury. It's another announcement from the government that doesn't appear to be thought through."

Ministers are also considering making older drivers undergo "cognitive testing" to improve road safety. The aim is to cut road deaths and serious injuries by 65%.

Every day an average of four people are killed in traffic accidents and thousands are seriously injured each year.

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Picture: RYAN McGINLEY

Apple is Gwyneth's twin to her core

APPLE
GWYNETH

Apple in fashion shoot; below, Gwyneth on the beach; mum, daughter, dad Chris and son Moses; and Apple gets a soaking

APPLE Martin shows off her core strength, leaning precariously over water, with one wrong move likely to end in a soaking.

Indeed, by the end of her shoot in upstate New York for London fashion house Self-Portrait, the daughter of Coldplay singer Chris Martin was fully immersed.

If the watery theme feels familiar, it may be a nod to mum Gwyneth Paltrow, 53, who was also snapped frolicking on the beach two years ago for her Goop brand.

Studying

Apple, 21, fits modelling work around studying for a law degree at Vanderbilt University in Nashville – making her literally a model student.

Though with her parents' combined fortune sitting at around £310million, it is hard to imagine this A-list nepo water baby ever finding herself washed up.

Her brother Moses, 19, fronts rock band People I've Met, which has already landed a record deal and released its debut single, Promise.

With such rich parents the pair will surely find that life's a beach.

‘I remember everything but I don’t go into the darkness of being shot’

BILLY WITH THE MAN WHO SHOT HIM

Driven by his faith, Billy forgave, and later worked with, gunman Stephen Korsa-Acquah by warning pupils about gun crime

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simple. Somebody’s backside needs to be kicked – and continue to be kicked.”

Billy had been sent to a reported raid on a Lloyds bank in Bristol in April 1983 when a fleeing gunman’s bullet tore through his mouth and lodged at the back of his throat.

He was 31 at the time, and his wife Margaret was pregnant with their third child.

Billy came within a whisker of death and had hours of surgery plus extensive dental work. Yet nearly 43 years later, there is little visible scarring to hint at his ordeal.

Now 74, he sat on a sofa in his Bristol home surrounded by press clippings about his horrific shooting and a Queen’s Commendation for Brave Conduct signed by then-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Billy left the police in 1986, after 10 years of service, finding himself physically “shattered” and suffering with what he believed to be PTSD following the attack.

Teenage gunman Stephen Korsa-Acquah had fled, hijacking two vehicles, and was chased through three counties before being arrested on the M4. He served two decades in jail, with a lengthy stint in Broadmoor, for attempted murder and 17 armed robberies.

In accordance with his Christian faith, Billy forgave Korsa-Acquah as he did not want to hang on to “bitterness” – but he never received a medal for his service.

Now he is campaigning for former officers like himself and other injured emergency responders to be formally recognised.

He urged officials “to get their finger out. It’s quite difficult to work out why they haven’t done this, and I don’t think it has been looked into deeply enough.”

EXPRESS VOTE

Should 999 heroes injured in the line of duty receive a medal?

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Billy – who later set up a locksmith business – said that a medal would fill a space on the chests of proud, discharged 999 heroes.

He added: “I think it would mean a whole lot. Not just the medal, but the recognition – at the moment there is none.”

The former police officer referred to the fatal shooting of PC Sharon Beshenivsky, 38, who was gunned down as she arrived to tackle robbers at a Bradford travel agents in 2005.

Her colleague PC Teresa Milburn, then 37, was seriously wounded and Billy insists that she should be given a medal.

He said: “You turn up, obviously in uniform, and the next thing the guy’s shooting you and blowing you up.

“There’s so many of them that actually took action and ended up with no official recognition and that is where the gap is.”

Billy added that “surely to goodness” they ought to be recognised. The hero ex-officer, who missed out on 20 years of a police salary, thinks that the introduction of such an award would be very popular.

Hero policeman Billy Burns in uniform

He blames the lack of progress on a “hopeless” legislative system that, in his view, takes too long to pass new measures and fobs people off.

He recalled of his shooting: “I remember everything but I never go there. I remember the details, I’ve spoken about it many times, but I don’t go into the darkness of being shot.

“I remember exactly what happened to me and if I do, I get tearful.

“I was shattered. It knocked the stuffing out of me. I really was struggling.”

He added that here was “no aftercare at all”, and that it is “just the same” now.

Billy does not have flas hbacks but still suffers from fatigue and becomes upset at instances of “poor treatment”. He admitted: “I become quite emotional at times, particularly if we’re watching something that is emotional. It makes me quite tearful.”

The Express asked to interview policing minister Sarah Jones but this request was declined by the Home Office.

A ministry spokesman said: “It is only right that those who are injured in the line of duty are recognised in the appropriate manner. Work is ongoing to consider the most effective and meaningful way to do this.”

Ex-Sussex police officer Tom Curry, 76, who had to retire after he was attacked by Hastings nightclubbers, leads the 999 Injured and Forgotten campaign for a suitable medal.

Support

A meeting arranged for next month will be attended by himself, Tory Shadow policing minister Matt Vickers, the Lib Dem MP Tom Morrison and Ms Jones.

Tom declared of the get-together: “It’s good news for us.”

He pointed to comments from Tory MP Sir Julian Lewis in November, which he

BEHIND MEDAL CAMPAIGN

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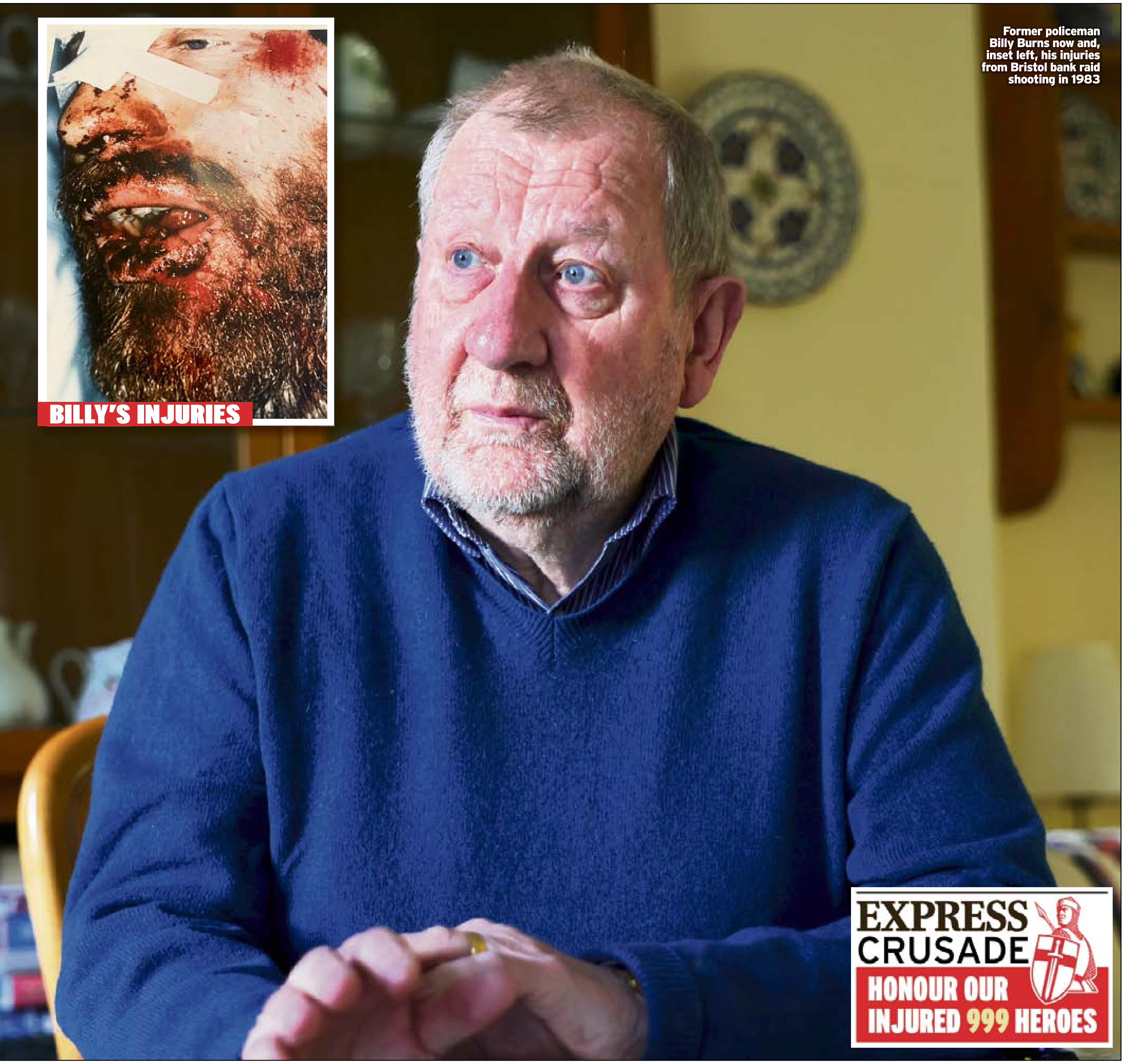

Former policeman Billy Burns now and, inset left, his injuries from Bristol bank raid shooting in 1983

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HONOUR OUR INJURED 999 HEROES

described as being “spot on”. The member for New Forest East told the House of Commons during discussions on a potential injury-in-service medal: “I have listened carefully to the whole debate, and I thoroughly support the proposal.

“From the minister’s summing-up, it sounds as if the decision is more in the hands of civil servants than in those of ministers.

“May I gently point out to him that civil servants are never remiss when it comes to awarding themselves all sorts of decorations and recognition?

“Here, it is more a question that the feeling of the House has made itself heard.”

Sir Julien told his fellow MPs: “It really ought to be conveyed to those people to whom this task appears to have been delegated that they ought to do what they have been told by the elected representatives of the people of this country.”

This speech triggered a round of applause from supporters watching in the public gallery – and campaigner Tom claims that they were given a “b******ing” by Parliamentary ushers afterwards.

Decisions on the creation of awards are solely a matter for the King following the receipt of advice from policy-making body the Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals, it is understood.

The government’s Police Covenant aims to support the wellbeing of injured officers.

Individuals who are forced to retire due to injuries they sustained in the line of duty may be eligible for injury pensions and for compensation payments.

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From left: murdered PC Sharon Beshenivsky, her injured colleague Teresa Milburn and ex-PC Tom Curry

HOME SECRETARY BERATES

Jewish football fans clings to job as boss

BY **MICHAEL KNOWLES**
Home Affairs Editor

UNDER-FIRE police chief Craig Guildford was last night clinging to his job despite mounting calls for him to be sacked.

Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood said she has lost confidence in the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police after falsified intelligence led to Maccabi Tel Aviv fans being banned from a match against Aston Villa.

Ms Mahmood said the force "overstated" the threat posed by Israeli football fans while underplaying the risk from local Islamist mobs ahead of the match.

A police watchdog probe into the scandal, led by His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary Sir Andy Cooke, found the intelligence was "exaggerated" in some cases, while in others it was "untrue".

But Labour Police and Crime Commissioner Simon Foster last night refused to immediately sack the Chief Constable.

He said: "I await the Home Affairs Select Committee report.

"It is my statutory duty to hold the Chief Constable to account for the totality of policing in the West Midlands.

'We have witnessed a failure of leadership'

"To give all these issues full and proper consideration, I will be taking this matter to a meeting of my Accountability and Governance Board, held in public, on January 27 and asking questions of the Chief Constable."

Sixteen days before the match, the force was told that it was wrong to ban supporters from attending the Europa League fixture.

West Midlands Police initially claimed away fans could not attend because of hooliganism fears.

It said there were 500 "hardcore Maccabi supporters" who were "very well organised, unco-operative and militaristic" and accused of carrying out "indiscriminate attacks on Muslim taxi drivers, flag burning, marches and Islamophobic chanting" during a previous match in Amsterdam.

But the force later admitted they feared locals were plotting to attack Israeli supporters, with some even preparing to carry weapons.

Ms Mahmood told MPs: "What is clear from this report is that, on an issue of huge significance to the Jewish community in this country, and to us all, we have witnessed a failure of leadership that has harmed the reputation and eroded public confidence in West Midlands Police and policing more broadly. Faced by a game of such importance, the Chief Constable of the force, Craig Guildford, should have ensured more professional and thorough work was done.

"As Sir Andy himself says, the shortcomings detailed in his report are symptomatic of a force not applying the necessary strategic oversight and not paying enough attention to important details, including at the most senior levels.

"The ultimate responsibility for the force's failure to discharge its duties on a matter of such national importance rests with the Chief Constable. And it is for that reason that I must declare today that the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police no longer has my confidence.

"It has been, as I understand it, over 20 years since a Home Secretary last made such a statement. But on the evidence provided by Sir Andy Cooke, the Chief Inspector of Policing, that is now the case."

The leader of Birmingham City Council, Cllr John Cotton, said Mr Guildford must quit.

He said: "For the sake of the city and region, confidence needs to be restored in the leadership of West Midlands Police, so that lessons can be learned and implemented. I believe the Chief Constable should stand down so this vital work can begin at once."

The Home Secretary said the police watchdog report concluded police "overstated the threat posed by the Maccabi Tel Aviv fans" while underplaying the "risk" posed by Islamist mobs in Birmingham.

Sir Andy found West Midlands were guilty of "confirmation bias", seeking only evidence to support their desire for a ban rather than "following the evidence".

This saw the force focus on a Dutch game where there had been violence but not more peaceful

Craig Guildford being grilled by MPs over his force's failures over supporter ban

NO UEFA
KEEP ANTI-SEMITISM OUT OF FOOTBALL
NORTHAM
SHOW ISRAEL THE RED CARD
SAY NO to Baby killers in Football
BOYC

Opposing demonstrations over Aston Villa v Maccabi fixture last November

Baroness Falkner opposes plans

Muslim hatred definition 'risks being thought control issue'

BY **JONATHAN WALKER**

LABOUR plans to outlaw "anti-Muslim hostility" are dangerous and will become a thought-control problem, the former head of the Equality and Human Rights Commission has warned.

Baroness Falkner, who left the body in December after five years in charge, said: "If there is one policy that cries out for another government U-turn, it is this."

Labour has tasked a working group chaired by former Tory Attorney General Dominic Grieve with drawing up an official description of anti-Muslim hatred.

Initial plans to define Islamophobia were scrapped over fears it would prevent legitimate criticism of religion, according to reports.

However, even the current proposals would "empower" extremism and "increase, not reduce, social tensions", according to a report.

Protections

The study – by Sir John Jenkins and Andrew Gilligan – said rebranding the Islamophobia definition into one of "anti-Muslim hostility" makes it even more dangerous.

In their Policy Exchange think tank report, they said it would revive police recording "non-crimes".

It added: "Giving Muslims special protections not available to others will be disastrous for them, and for everyone else. It will fuel, not diminish, hostility towards Muslims. The dictionary definition of 'hostility' includes 'not liking' something, 'not agreeing' with it or being 'opposed' to it.

"It is perfectly accurate, for instance, to describe the National Secular Society as hostile to the growth of Muslim (and other religious) schools. No hatred is present here, merely opposition."

Baroness Falkner said: "The proposed definition is even worse than anticipated. It is dangerous and divisive.

"That it will become a free speech and thought-control problem is immediately evident."

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COP'S LACK OF PROFESSIONALISM

ban chief constable refuses to sack him

Shabana Mahmood will bring in powers to fire failing police chiefs

matches in Greece, Ukraine and Denmark.

Inaccurate claims included associations between supporters and the Israeli Defence Forces, and the singling out of Muslims.

Ms Mahmood, who is to reintroduce powers to allow her to sack chief constables, slammed the intelligence failures.

She said: "The West Midlands Police engagement with the Dutch police is one of the most disquieting elements of Sir Andy's report.

"The summary, provided as evidence to the Safety Advisory Group ahead of their crucial meeting on the 24th October was inaccurate.

"Claims including the number of police officers deployed, links between fans and the Israeli Defence Forces, the targeting of Muslim communities, the mass tearing down of Palestinian flags, attacks on police officers and on taxi drivers were all either exaggerated or untrue."

'We are sorry for the impact on communities'

Mr Guildford admitted his force used AI to find evidence of trouble involving the Israeli team.

And it justified banning fans after the AI search found social media posts about violence at a fictitious match involving West Ham on November 9, 2023.

That day, West Ham were playing Greek side Olympiacos. Maccabi Tel Aviv, meanwhile, were playing in Lublin, Poland.

Mr Guildford told the Home Affairs Select Committee: "In preparation for the force response to the inquiry into this matter, on Friday afternoon I became aware that the erroneous result concerning the West Ham v Maccabi Tel Aviv match arose as a result of the use of Microsoft Copilot.

"Both Assistant Chief Constable O'Hara and I had – up until Friday afternoon – understood that the West Ham match had only been identified through the use of Google. I would like to offer my profound apology to the committee for this error."

In an apology, West Midlands Police said: "We have received the preliminary review and acknowledge this recognises the unintentional nature of our errors.

"We are extremely sorry for the impact these have had on individuals and their communities.

"We know mistakes were made but reiterate the findings that none of this was done with an intent of deliberate distortion or discrimination."

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Sir James Cleverly has blasted Labour

Tory's fury as English waived in asylum bids

EXCLUSIVE

BY **MICHAEL KNOWLES**
Home Affairs Editor

NEW settlement rules have descended into confusion after a Home Office minister revealed "asylum seekers" would not need to speak English in the UK.

Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood said in November that migrants must speak English to A-level standard to qualify for indefinite leave to remain.

But the Tories fear refugees will avoid the new requirements.

Shadow Communities Secretary Sir James Cleverly said: "The government could make English a condition of settlement yet they've chosen not to. Nearly a million people already cannot speak English well or at all.

"Labour's answer is to create another route where language requirements don't exist. Without English, people are left isolated, vulnerable to exploitation and cut off from the communities they live in. Labour are making integration harder by design."

Requirement

The row erupted after Border Security Minister Alex Norris told Mr Cleverly the requirement for A-level English would not apply to asylum seekers.

It came in response to a series of questions about the reforms.

Home Office sources stress that refugees applying for indefinite leave to remain will have to hit the English language demands.

But Mr Norris, *inset*, said: "We are legally obliged to consider all asylum claims and human rights in all circumstances where a person would be removed from the UK.

"This is irrespective of a person's ability to speak English and it ensures we do not remove anyone to their own or any other country where they would face persecution or serious harm."

It is proposed illegal migrants will have to wait up to 30 years before they can apply for ILR instead of five.

M&S ramps up bargain food range

BY **JOSIE CLARKE**

MARKS & Spencer is expanding its range of value food as it tries to compete with the big six supermarkets.

The retailer, known for its high-end own-brand groceries, launches more than 30 new value products this month.

They include core family items such as 500g and 750g packs of beef mince and 1kg frozen sweetcorn bags.

M&S Food's chief commercial officer Kara Greatorex said: "For M&S, becoming a shopping list retailer is about offering core ingredients and products at the right price.

"Over the last few years, we have improved the 'remarksable' value range by lowering the price of core shopping trolley essentials, while retaining the quality and sourcing credentials M&S is known for."

The move by M&S comes amid the cost of living crisis, with food more affected than many goods. Food inflation is at 3.3%, outstripping overall shop price inflation on 0.7%.

School drops Pepys' name over 'abuse'

BY **SAM RUSSELL**

STUDENTS at Samuel Pepys' old school have voted to ditch his name from one of its five pastoral houses due to his behaviour towards women.

Pepys House at Hinchingbrooke School, Cambs, is named after the 17th-century diarist, who attended the then-Huntingdon Grammar in the 1640s.

Parents got an email last year saying recent research revealed actions "that were harmful, abusive and exploitative, especially in his relations with women".

After a consultation, the school voted by 1,764 votes to 1,054 to look for a new figurehead for the house.

Principal Andy Hunter said he is proud of how the school conducted itself, adding: "The students have been curious, reflective and, above all, respectful throughout."

He said there are no plans to rename the school's Pepys building, which is a modern block housing the geography department.

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Grandstanding PM's FC in administration

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Sir Keir flanked by Chris Vince and Angela Rayner in May 2024

BY **RICHARD ASHMORE**

A HISTORIC football club where electioneering Sir Keir Starmer vowed to reverse 14 years of Tory failure has gone into administration.

Sir Keir visited Harlow Town Football Club in May 2024 alongside then-deputy leader Angela Rayner and Chris Vince, who later became the local MP, for a meet and greet with the party faithful.

Now the club, known as the Hawks, has gone into administration, according to court documents filed in London's insolvency court on Friday.

It could be a sad end for the Essex team, who play in the Spartan South Midlands Premier Division and carried out a famous giant-killing in the 1979/80 FA Cup when they dumped Leicester City out.

When Sir Keir visited the venue he was campaigning before the May 2024 local elections.

Safeguard

In a speech made at the ground, he said: "Across the country councils of different political stripes are going bust under this government. And that is an indictment of 14 years of failure – and that is because so much money has been taken out of our councils..."

Harlow Town FC, a private limited company, was approached for comment. Harlow Town Council owns the freehold to the club's ground. Its Tory leader Dan Swords said: "The council will do everything within its powers to safeguard football in our town and stand firmly behind supporters."

Hawks fan Mr Vince said: "I spoke to the administrators. They are keen to ensure the continued steady running of the football club and are proactively looking for investors."

A spokesman for administrators MHA said: "Our immediate responsibilities are to understand the scale of the challenges facing Harlow Town while working to resolve the issues as soon as is practically possible."

EXCLUSIVE

Civil servants use public money for job hunting site

BY **CHRISTIAN CALGIE**
Senior Political Correspondent

CIVIL servants are blowing millions of pounds on networking and jobs site LinkedIn and other subscriptions, leaving taxpayers to foot the bill.

Whitehall departments spent the equivalent of 80 police officers' salaries on online accounts.

LinkedIn is among the most costly, with nearly half a million pounds paid to the job-focused social media site.

The Department of Science and Innovation topped the table in 2024/25, shelling out £159,000 on subscriptions to it in a year, followed closely by the Ministry of Justice on £155,000.

The revelation raises questions about whether mandarins are taking advantage of the website's paid-for premium services, which can be used to assist with job applications.

Thousands of them are being made redundant and forced to find new posts. Chancellor Rachel Reeves has promised an 11% cut in real terms to departments' administrative budgets, though she has so far overseen a rise of 10,000 in the size of the civil service.

Business networking site popular across Whitehall

The Cabinet Office has also allocated £150million for civil service exit schemes.

These are designed to encourage officials to leave in order to slim down the size of the government workforce and free up funding. Tory chairman Kevin Holinrake said: "This is taxpayers' money going up in smoke on corporate memberships and endless scrolling, while families are told to pay more and make do with less.

"Labour need to get a grip on Whitehall waste. You would think half of the officials are planning their exit rather than running the country."

A number of departments refused to answer questions about the total spend of their subscription budget.

Some of the outgoings may be linked to essential work tools – such as the Solicitors Regulation Authority or the Bar Council for the Ministry of Justice.

Control

But the lack of clarity could mean taxpayers are forking out tens of thousands of pounds for unnecessary social media subscriptions.

The revelations will also raise questions about whether Sir Keir Starmer's government is spending money on US billionaire Elon Musk's social media site X. On Tuesday the Prime Minister threatened to control Grok through legislation. X's AI tool which has been used to create sexual images of children and women.

He said: "If X cannot control Grok, we will – and we'll do it fast because if you profit from harm and abuse, you lose the right to self-regulate."

The Cabinet Office said: "All government spending is scrutinised to ensure it delivers the best value for taxpayers.

"The vast majority of these costs provide access to the industry-standard tools and information services needed to run a modern, efficient government.

"By using recruitment platforms to hire staff directly, we are able to cut our reliance on expensive external headhunters, saving the taxpayer millions of pounds."

‘0% drinks outlawed for young teens’

BY **AARON NEWBURY**

UNDER-18s are set to be banned from buying alcohol-free drinks amid fears they are a gateway to real booze.

Tory Andrew Griffith said: “This is utterly bonkers. Ministers are banning sensible, zero-alcohol choices for 16 and 17-year-olds while claiming they want safer drinking and lower drink-drive limits. A pint of 0% Guinness is not a gateway drug.”

Laws allow the sale of beer, wine or cider with a meal to 16 or 17-year-olds if they are with an adult and do not make the purchase themselves.

There are no rules stopping youngsters buying no-alcohol drinks at any point.

Health minister Ashley Dalton defended the ban: “There is some evidence to suggest that exposure to alcohol-like products, even if low or zero alcohol, can normalise drinking, and become a gateway to alcohol consumption.

“Earlier alcohol use initiation is linked to a higher risk of harmful drinking later in life.”

Honk if you want a £100 fixed penalty

BY **ISOBEL WILLIAMS**

A COUNCIL wants to fine drivers up to £100 for “excessive honking”.

It filed an application for a Public Space Protection Order after complaints about noise from motorists.

The specifics would be ironed out during a three-month consultation in the Caterham Valley area of Surrey, said Tandridge District Council.

Pet shop worker Lindsey Wells, 40, said: “We do get a lot of honking because we are next to a roundabout.

“The honking fines are unnecessary, because honking is for safety.

“People honk to alert others to their presence – it’s needed. It never bothers me, we don’t really notice it.”

But business owner Paula Nicholson backed the move. She said: “People park in the bus stop and then the bus drivers come along and honk, honk, honk.”

The council said: “Any such measures would be proportionate, clearly defined and subject to further consideration.”

Picture: BRUCE BENNETT

Sky’s the limit for ‘Andrew’s home makeover’

sky vip team

Sky technician and, from top, his VIP logo, the home in Norfolk and disgraced Andrew

BY **REBECCA RUSSELL**

PHOTOS taken at Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor’s rumoured new home appear to show a Sky VIP engineer installing a telly upgrade for the disgraced ex-royal with a lot of time on his hands.

The technician was pictured examining the roof at Marsh Farm on the King’s Sandringham Estate in Norfolk.

Reports claim the former prince spends a lot of time watching TV or playing video games such as Call of Duty and war games with helicopters. A source said: “He really enjoys war films and watching golf on TV.”

No-fly

Buckingham Palace has not confirmed the residence will be the shamed former duke’s next home, with the information only being reported after a no-fly order was extended to cover the area above the property.

It was reported that after his eviction from 30-room Royal Lodge in Windsor by the King, the former prince will move into a temporary base before his 66th birthday on February 19. He will then go to Marsh Farm once it is ready. CCTV and other security has been installed.

A source told The Sun: “Marsh Farm still needs a lot of attention to make it habitable. But one thing for sure is that it is a lot, lot smaller and less luxurious than Royal Lodge.”

Miliband’s wind farms to add £1.8bn to energy bills

BY **STEPH SPYRO**
Environment Editor

ED MILIBAND’S offshore wind farm boom may add as much as £1.8billion a year in green levies to energy bills.

Ministers yesterday announced the biggest expansion of such wind farms through subsidy contracts.

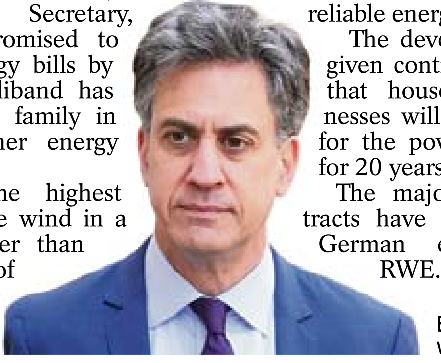
The Energy Secretary claimed the hundreds of new turbines involved were “a monumental step towards clean power by 2030” and would be significantly cheaper than the alternative of building gas plants.

The government estimated that levies on electricity bills to fund the farms could reach almost £1.8bn a year when they start generating, which is expected by 2030.

But the sector claimed this would be largely offset by savings from the wind farms lowering wholesale power prices. The wind farms have a production capacity of 8.4 gigawatts – enough to power the equivalent of more than 12 million homes.

Tory MP Claire Coutinho, the Shadow Energy Secretary, said: “Labour promised to cut people’s energy bills by £300 but Ed Miliband has just locked every family in Britain into higher energy bills for decades.

“These are the highest prices for offshore wind in a decade and higher than the current cost of electricity. If you think your bills are too high, this won’t make them any lower. Bills are now almost £200 higher than when Labour came to power and Ed Miliband is cementing our uncompetitive electricity prices for even longer at a time when the world is becoming more unstable and we need cheap, reliable energy to compete.”



Ed Miliband says UK will control its energy

The developers have been given contracts guaranteeing that households and businesses will pay a fixed price for the power they generate for 20 years.

The majority of the contracts have been awarded to German energy company RWE. Mr Miliband has set a target of 95% clean power generation by 2030 despite other political parties and critics arguing that this figure is unfeasible.

The projects approved yesterday are regarded as the last batch which can reliably be built in time to contribute to the goal, although it is possible that some that are due to be built under contracts awarded later in the year will also be completed.

Mr Miliband said: “With these results, Britain is taking back control of our energy sovereignty.”

He described the move as “a historic win for those who want Britain to stand on our own two feet – controlling our own energy rather than depending on markets controlled by petro-states and dictators”.

Five-time serial killer will face trial for sixth murder

BY **TOM PETTIFOR**

A SERIAL killer who murdered five women is due to stand trial next month accused of killing a teenager 27 years ago.

A judge ruled yesterday that a jury can be told about Steve Wright's 2008 convictions for the murder of the five women over a 10-day period in Ipswich in 2006.

Wright, 67, who is serving a whole-life jail sentence, is charged with the kidnap and murder of 17-year-old Victoria Hall, whose body was found five days after she vanished following a night out in Felixstowe, Suffolk, in September 1999.

Wright was charged with Victoria's murder in 2024 but reporting restrictions meant the media had not been able to mention the 2006 killings.

He appeared at the Old Bailey for a pre-trial hearing via video link from category A HMP Long Lartin in Worcestershire. Mr Justice Bennathan ruled about the killers' previous convictions.

He wore a white, short-sleeved T-shirt and grey tracksuit bottoms on the link and was sitting behind a desk. He could be seen using crutches at the start of the hearing.

Wright, formerly of Ipswich, pleaded not guilty to the kidnapping and murder of Victoria and the attempted kidnap of a second female in Felixstowe. He was remanded into custody to await his Old Bailey trial, which is due to start on February 2.

Wright murdered Tania Nicol, Gemma Adams, Anneli Alderton, Paula Clennell and Annette Nicholls who all worked as prostitutes. He was convicted at Ipswich crown court in 2008.

Victoria, of Trimley St Mary, Suffolk, had left her home on the evening of September 18 1999 for a night out with a friend, Gemma Algar, at the Bandbox nightclub in Felixstowe.

The two teenagers left the club about 1am and went to buy chips before beginning to walk home. Victoria was last seen alive when she parted from her friend at about 2.20am, yards from her home. Her parents woke in the morning to find their daughter had not returned home.

Her naked body was found by a dog walker five days later in a water-filled ditch in Creeting St Peter, about 25 miles away.

A postmortem revealed that she had been strangled.

The police inquiry into Victoria's murder was reopened by cold-case detectives on the 20th anniversary of her death in 2019.

Teenager Victoria Hall whose body was found

Serial killer Steve Wright murdered his five victims over 10 days in 2006

'No funding' for £45bn railway link

BY **CHRISTIAN CALGIE**

RACHEL Reeves has been condemned for not making it clear how a keynote rail project would be funded.

The Chancellor said in Leeds, where her seat is, that up to £45billion will revive Boris Johnson's Northern Powerhouse Rail scheme connecting Liverpool to York, via Manchester and Leeds.

Her news was welcomed by regional leaders including Greater Manchester mayor Andy Burnham.

Some £1.1bn will be released by next year to start preparations, with Ms Reeves saying the rest would be set out in later spending statements.

Lord Houchen, Tory mayor for Tees Valley, ridiculed the "nothing announcement", calling it "all hopes and dreams with no plan and no money. They're saying no [Northern Powerhouse Rail] connecting the North West with the East Coast until 2045.

"Where are they getting this £45bn from in the next parliament?"

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‘Kamikaze was the only way…’

Twist in the tale as crime author writes her own dramatic exit from The Traitors

BY **MARK JEFFERIES**

AUTHOR Harriet Tyce wrote her own storyline on The Traitors last night when she sacrificed herself in order to expose Rachel Duffy.

Harriet was not able to convince the others that cunning Traitor Rachel was lying, so she urged the group to vote her out – then take her advice once she had left the game as a confirmed Faithful.

The stunned players took her words literally and she exited the BBC series with a massive 10 votes, having seemed one of the strongest remaining contestants last week.

Former barrister Harriet, 52, said after her closing argument swayed the jury against her: “The kamikaze departure was the way to do it.”

She added: “On the one hand, I’m gutted not to have got further. I haven’t won therefore I’ve lost, so it’s hard not to see it that way. But on the other hand, I could not have asked for more action!

“I was given some opportunities there, I created other opportunities for myself and as I said, Faithfuls have very little control.

‘This was the only way I could get rid of any doubts’

“In all of that I managed to find a way of fighting as myself and leaving on my own terms and I really don’t think many other people who’ve been through the game can say that.

“If I were to swap with being there in the final but being duped, I’d take my short-lived game any day.”

Harriet told her fellow contestants: “What I am interested in is a win for the Faithfuls. Now you can clear this up once and for all by voting me out and have me stand there and say that I’m a Faithful, at which point you will realise what I am saying has merit.”

Harriet on the brink of her exit last night

Harriet accuses Rachel at the round table

After the vote, she added: “Its a kamikaze move. I appreciate that. But I wanted to ensure you all knew who I really was. It seems to me that this was the only way I could get rid of any doubt.”

The result means the two Traitors, Rachel and Stephen Libby, survived.

Presenter Claudia Winkleman

Crime writer Harriet, who penned hit thriller Blood Orange, added: “My game plan blew up but it is what they say: ‘Everyone’s got a plan until someone punches them in the face.’

“The idea was to go in as the nice lady with the jumper, not a published author. Not too much on anyone’s radar – the invisibility cloak of the middle-aged woman and just try and keep my head down and watch what was going on.

“I think it was working very well, but it was hard to allow myself to be underestimated consistently. I didn’t enjoy that even though I could see it served a strategic aim.” After winning a prize in an earlier mission, Harriet was allowed to ask the Traitors two questions – and she told them she was on to Rachel.

“I think it was just too irresistible an opportunity to let myself be myself properly and to stop letting anyone play me for a fool,” she said.

Suspicion

The decision to place her own neck on the line was spontaneous, Harriet confirmed.

She said: “Matt made his accusation…I thought, I don’t want to do this. It was the first time I’d been under suspicion in two weeks, and I didn’t like the feeling. I was a useful distraction for the Traitors. Suddenly all the tension left me, it was a relief.”

Looking back at the moment she exposed Hugo Lodge as a Traitor earlier in the series, she said: “It was a very exhilarating moment – oh it was glorious. Such a good feeling.” Harriet revealed that appearing on the series had made her realise she was capable of more, adding: “I need to trust my intuition.”

● *The Traitors continues tonight on BBC1 and BBC iPlayer.*

Emily Hocking oversees the residents’ version of The Traitors

Care home Faithfuls

BY **ADAM DUTTON**

RESIDENTS at a care home are vying to avoid murder and win a cream tea in their own version of The Traitors.

They will spend 10 days tackling challenges and attending round table banishments.

The elderly Faithfuls will also have to weed out Traitors hiding in plain site. Staff at Parkfield Grange Care Home in Stourbridge, West Midlands, came up with their idea because so many residents are fans of the BBC show.

Admissions adviser Emily Hocking said: “There’s a preconceived idea of what a care home is like. It’s our responsibility to make sure residents are living, not existing. It’s important they stay involved in current events.”

Show fans at the care home

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Medal delay is criminal for police hurt on duty

POLICE officers who are wounded in the line of duty should be honoured and the creation of an injury-in-service medal must not be delayed.

The nation needs a way to show its gratitude and respect to the likes of former PC Billy Burns, now 74, who was shot in the face by an armed robber 43 years ago.

When he left the police in 1986 he was, by his own admission, "shattered" and "struggling". He missed out on two decades of a police salary and said he received "no aftercare at all".

Police and emergency workers who risk their lives to protect ours are heroes.

Their families are all too aware that when they wave a loved one off to start a shift there is the real possibility he or she will be in harm's way.

Police officers and other public servants confront extreme stress and danger during their working days and our society depends on their skills and courage.

These men and women signed up for their vital but challenging jobs because they wanted to protect others from harm.

We need to celebrate their bravery and spirit, and ensure that those who suffer injury in their heroic work are cared for and never forgotten.

Mr Burns says that those in power "need to get their finger out".

We completely agree.

Chief is unfit for office

CRAIG Guildford must be sacked as West Midlands Police chief constable before he causes further embarrassment to himself, the force, the region he is supposed to serve and the nation.

The ban on Israeli fans attending the Aston Villa-Maccabi Tel Aviv match shamed the country and the farce that surrounded the decision demonstrates why the police chief is unfit for office.

It is bad enough that a supposed intelligence report referenced a football match between the Israeli side and West Ham that never took place; it is ridiculous that this was due to the use of AI; and it is scandalous that Mr Guildford denied that this was the case, until he finally confirmed it this week.

He should have engaged his brain and ensured that Israeli fans could come to England and support their side without fear of thuggery.

The West Midlands needs a police chief of integrity and competence who will not be intimidated by those who are the foes of a tolerant society.

Always alright... Dave!

TELEVISION legend David Jason found watching unseen Only Fools and Horses footage a poignant experience, telling co-star Tessa Peake-Jones, who played his on-screen partner Raquel: "Oh, we were so young and successful back then."

There is no need for him to feel down.

The show continues to bring joy to millions of fans, old and new, and David's performance as Del Boy is one of the most memorable characters of all time.

This work of comedy genius is timeless and will be treasured long into the future.

Brave Iranian women failed by Leftists too busy hating the West

Iranians have faced brutal crackdowns for attending anti-regime protests like this

Esther Krakue

Daily Express columnist

THE HORROR unfolding in Iran should shake any thinking person awake. What began as quiet rumblings of discontent has spilt into something far broader and deeper: a rejection of a regime that has spent 40-odd years tightening its grip on every aspect of life.

This latest wave of protest ignited after ordinary Iranians, pushed to the brink by economic misery and political suffocation, refused to be invisible any more.

Demonstrations have spread from the poorest areas of Tehran to the wealthiest, from religious cities like Qom and Mashhad to some of Iran's most secular parts. People from every background are taking part.

That alone tells you something fundamental has shifted.

The scale of these protests is deeply threatening to a regime built on obedience and fear.

Unsurprisingly, the authorities responded as they always do: cutting internet and phone access, leaving families scrambling for news of loved ones.

Human-rights groups estimate thousands have been killed – including children – and report security forces have raided hospitals, withheld bodies and monitored funerals to intimidate mourners.

For those of us in the West, it is worth stopping for a moment to recognise how much we take for granted. Here in Britain and across Europe, the freedom to walk down the street without fear of being snatched, beaten, jailed or killed for who you are or what you think is so basic it barely registers until you see it stripped away somewhere else.

WOMEN in Iran, in particular, have displayed extraordinary courage, risking everything for the right to choose how they live their lives, even something as simple as not covering their heads. The act of defiance carries a price most Westerners will never have to pay. Iran is believed to be the world's largest executioner of women per capita. That fact alone should dominate every conversation about global women's rights.

Yet the reaction from much of Western feminism has been curiously muted. Where are the marches? The statements? The viral campaigns? Or are they too busy "freeing the nipple" to contend with actual misogyny?

In some cases, the response has been actively distorted.

Former Labour MP Zarah Sultana this week condemned Iran's repression, while placing heavy emphasis on US sanctions and warning against Israeli involvement or Western intervention.

Tehran kills its own citizens, yet it is still somehow the fault of Washington and Tel Aviv. This level of cognitive dissonance would be impressive if it weren't so grotesque.

Yet this pattern – the Left's hatred of the West – is so absolute it supersedes basic human dignity. Venezuela illustrates this clearly. Under Nicolas Maduro, the nation experienced economic ruin, widespread hunger, political imprisonment, and the entrenchment of organised crime within the state itself.

It was one of the worst humanitarian disasters in living memory. At the same time, Russia and China extracted the country's oil with impunity, watching on as living standards and institutions collapsed.

Yet I don't remember much outrage from the Left. Only when the US deposed him did the same group discover a deep concern for the country's oil and moral restraint.

Iran is now being treated with the same logic. Protesters who demand freedom but welcome Western diplomatic or economic pressure are regarded with suspicion, and suddenly sympathy becomes conditional.

The same people who harp on about autonomy and personal freedom only value them if they point in a particular ideological direction. Women burning bras are heroic. But women burning hijabs are inconvenient.

'Feminists too busy "freeing the nipple" to fight actual misogyny'

UNFORTUNATELY, this outlook has spread to universities, parts of the Civil Service and public institutions.

The West Midlands Police scandal, where Jewish Maccabi Tel Aviv fans were banned from a match in Birmingham based on flimsy claims later called into question, has been a disgrace to policing and a clear example of ideology allowed to override basic fairness.

The women protesting in Iran are not interested in Western political fashion or theoretical debates. They are fighting for freedoms so basic we barely notice them until we see them being extinguished elsewhere.

If prominent activists in the West cannot bring themselves to support women who face imprisonment and execution for demanding those basic freedoms, their claim to be defending women's rights becomes difficult to take seriously. A state that kills women for disobedience is engaged in oppression. Those who cannot say that plainly are making a choice, whether they admit it or not.

VIRGINIA BLACKBURN

"I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realise I should have been more specific."
Lily Tomlin

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Youth wasted on the woke, joyless young

IF YOU want several hours of sheer solid entertainment, I cannot more highly recommend the television series Landman. Starring Billy Bob Thornton, it details the life of Tommy Norris, a crisis manager for a Texan oil company, who variously has to deal with events such as being kidnapped by a Mexican drugs cartel and having oil rigs blow up, killing employees. You get the drift. It's an absolute hoot.

But the penultimate episode of series two contained a very different storyline: it involved Tommy's daughter, Ainsley, who set off to spend a week at cheerleader camp. And for those of us who don't have teenage children, what an eye opener it was. Ainsley is a gorgeous, slim blonde, whose main aim is to marry a rich man and, like her mother before her, spend the rest of her life shopping.

In other words, she is the complete antithesis of woke culture and appals the right-on admissions person who, clearly as punishment, puts her in a dorm with a character called Paigyn, who I initially took to be a man and who is clearly what my generation would have called a butch lesbian.

Their initial meeting is both hilarious and horrifying. "What are your pronouns?" asks Paigyn, who needless to say goes by they/them. (Ainsley replies that she would have thought hers were obvious.)

Paigyn goes on to announce that she is vegan and doesn't want any meat in the room, bans music, needs total silence during her meditation sessions and wants the dorm to be a safe space – for her, natch, not Ainsley.

Mummy intervenes and carts Ainsley off to her own safe space where she can play pool volleyball with the other cheerleaders and drink margaritas. A happy ending all round.

Is this really how some parts of the younger generation behave? (I'm talking Paigyn, not Ainsley.) If so it explains an awful lot. The utter po-faced joylessness of it is striking: I never allied myself to Texan rednecks before, but give me them over utterly humourless they/thems sucking the life out of the place. Their obsession with mental health issues is extraordinary but no wonder if this is how they actually live. This all coincides with reports that young people are both teetotal and engaging in fewer sexual relationships than the older lot. That has got to be related.

So my advice to any young person who is showing signs of Paigyn-ism is to lighten up. Yes, do be responsible, but get out there and live a little. You've got the rest of your life to worry about being kidnapped by Mexican drug cartels. Enjoy your life. You're young.

Green-eyed monster weighs in on Emily

Can't help but be amused by the reaction to Emily Atack's weight loss, with female commentators wailing about how she's let us all down and so much for being body positive. Ha ha!

A few years ago I managed to get properly skinny (size 6!) and you would not believe the number of women (never a man) asking me in a tender and concerned way if I was all right.

You bet I was all right. I bet Emily is all right, too. You go, girl. You look great.

IT IS being said that Meghan Markle is considering visiting these shores in the summer if she gets the right level of security. Great. Can't wait. Lucky old us.

PETER Mandelson initially refused to apologise for his friendship with Jeffrey Epstein – since U-turned – on the grounds that he was gay and thus couldn't known what was going on. Hmm.

Back in the day Mandelson was apoplectic when his sexuality was revealed to the world by one Matthew Parris; now he's using it to defend himself against wrongdoing.

How times change. And being gay does not mean being stupid. Did he never wonder why Epstein's plane was called the "Lolita Express"?

Dawn of the dread for a dour sitcom

IT'S ALWAYS nice when karma bites someone in the (in this case very substantial) bum and you'll see no tears from me on the subject of Dawn French and the reaction to her latest sitcom Can You Keep A Secret?

The deluded woman clearly thinks she's still some sort of national treasure, whereas people have been queuing up to say there's nothing funny about her disgusting attack on Jews when mocking October 7 and no, they have not forgotten it.

French was forced to apologise, much good may it do her. Let's hope viewing figures collapse.

IF BROOKLYN Beckham has really contacted lawyers to tell his parents to stay away as has been reported, he's an even bigger chump than he looks.

One day his marriage to the beautiful and rich Nicola Peltz might come under pressure, not least when she realises he has the IQ of a tablemat, and he'll need mum and dad. Poor David and Victoria: all that money and they still have an ungrateful son.

Baddiel's feline groovy like me

IT'S not often I agree with David Baddiel, but he is presenting a new show, Cat Man, about the joy of felines. Spot on. They are beautiful, mysterious, funny and constantly entertaining. One of my favourite social media posts read, "What if the world was full of miniature leopards in all kinds of amazing different colours and you could take some of them home with you? Oh wait! It is!"

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR CHURCH OF ENGLAND OVER POINTLESS £100M REPARATIONS

IT'S heartening news that church congregations are growing, considerably less so that the Church of England is talking about paying £100million in reparations for slavery. Entirely predictably, congregants are threatening to withhold donations, as well they might.

We give to support the church and in turn the needy, not to make absurd gestures about a history no one can rewrite. One reason the CofE is in such a state is that it embraced woke causes such as climate change rather than the issues confronting the rest of us on a daily basis. They should put a stop to this nonsense right now.

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ON THE MONEY

by **Katie Elliott**

Any questions? Please email me at katie.elliott@reachplc.com

Advice for saving on your bills

AH, NEW year. New beginnings, new priorities… and a new round of price hikes. I spoke last week about life's certainties (death, taxes and expensive funerals), and annual bill rises are another item to add to that list. And it's all well and good, but not everyone receives large annual pay increases. Those who live on fixed incomes – a lot of pensioners – have to stretch their money even further, with many often unable to foot the bill comfortably.

Alarming new research by Age UK shows some older people are taking "drastic measures" to make ends meet, with one in 20 admitting to skipping meals this winter, and 35% opting to skimp on heating despite cold temperatures. The charity is now urging Brits to check if they're entitled to more financial support. Visit the Turn2Us.org.uk benefit checker or call Citizens Advice, but also check if you can cut costs on bills you're paying now.

Firstly, mobile and broadband bills. Most providers implement "mid-contract price hikes" every April. Following recent Ofcom rulings, many firms have moved away from confusing inflation-linked percentages to flat-rate increases in pounds and pence.

To name a few, BT, Vodafone and TalkTalk customers are set to see their monthly bills increase by £3 to £4, depending on when they took the contract out.

However, most major providers offer social tariffs if you receive certain benefits, like Universal Credit or Pension Credit. These tariffs can reduce your mobile or broadband bills to as low as £10 per month, depending on the provider. Just search "[Provider Name] Social Tariff" on Google to find one. Visit MoneySuperMarket.com if you don't qualify to compare tariffs and swap to a cheaper one if your contract is ending soon.

The same goes for water bills, which could rise between 5% to 10% this year, depending on the supplier, as they "upgrade infrastructure".

Every water company in England and Wales has a social tariff, but the amount of support varies by region. For example, Thames Water customers who qualify can get up to 50% off their bill this year, while some suppliers offer bill caps, such as Yorkshire Water's annual £270 limit. Visit the Consumer Council for Water (CCW) website and use its "Help with Bills" tool.

Council tax bills typically rise on April 1 each year. Most local authorities in England are expected to increase bills by the maximum allowed without a referendum, which is currently 4.99%. This could add around £100 on average to the annual bills of those in a Band D property.

Check if you qualify for a discount. Single-person households can get up to 25% off their bills, while those who receive Pension Credit may qualify for a full discount. Phone your local authority and find out if you qualify for one – there are many options available.

DEAL OF THE WEEK

GET pizza or pasta dishes for 99p at Prezzo when you pre-book a table through the Club Prezzo app for Monday (January 19). Simply download the Club Prezzo app and tap on the "99p Pasta and Pizza" offer. After booking, you'll be sent a QR code, which you'll need to show to staff. To qualify for the deal on the day, you must buy one cold drink, which usually costs around £3.

HAPPY Energy Saving Week to those gearing up to celebrate on Monday. It's an awareness week that runs annually in the third week of January, and there's no better way to kick off the festivities than by knocking £210 off your annual bill.

According to new guidance by experts at the Energy Saving Trust, you can do this by making four simple changes. Firstly and surprisingly, keeping showers to just four minutes is estimated to save you around £45 per year. Set a timer or play a song to help. The Beatles' Let It Be is 4.03 minutes. If you want more precision, Europe's The Final Countdown, Bowie's Golden Years and Madonna's Material Girl are all notable mentions lasting exactly four minutes.

Secondly, check the temperature on your thermostat. Most homes are comfortable between 18C and 21C. Turning the thermostat down by at least one degree could save you a staggering £90 per year.

A tip for tumble dryer users is to opt for a heated drying rack instead. Energy Saving Trust experts say this change could save you as much as £65 per year. Making up the fourth tip on the list is the trusted cuppa. Measure the water out properly rather than overfilling the kettle to save a more modest £10 per year. A smaller saving, but it all adds up.

Emma, far right, with Leo, Aimee and Michelle

Emma's special heart-to-heart

BY **JANE KIRBY**

EMMA Willis says she was floored to learn at 48 she'd had a hole in her heart since birth, as she joined a campaign aiming to put the spotlight on survivors.

The TV star chatted with Aimee Nicholls, 32, who has a similar condition, her son Leo, eight, who had open heart surgery at a week old, and Michelle White, 48, who has a faulty heart valve. Emma's congenital condition, discovered during a routine check a year ago, left her with an enlarged heart and hole between chambers, called an atrial septal defect.

She had keyhole surgery at London's Royal Brompton Hospital two months later.

Emma, who takes over Zoe Ball's Saturday afternoon slot on Radio 2 this weekend, said: "It was a bolt out of the blue, and I had a million questions.

"The mental shift was the biggest challenge, because when you hear those words, it terrifies you. I'm hoping that sharing my story will help others."

Emma met Aimee and Leo, from Bristol, and Michelle, who lives in Manchester, on one of the British Heart Foundation's 65 new red benches.

The seats – one for each year the charity has been established – each carry the name of a survivor. Sited across the UK, they are a tribute to those living with cardiovascular disease.

Oldy Fools and Horses

David Jason nostalgic over unseen

Del Boy clips at anniversary reunion

BY **JORDAN LLOYD BECK**

SIR David Jason says he looks back on Only Fools and Horses with real fondness – but a reunion left him feeling old.

The actor, 85, famously starred as Del Boy in the sitcom that first aired in 1981 and ran for seven series before returning for Christmas specials from 1991-2003.

To celebrate the 45th anniversary of the BBC show, Sir David – also known for playing Granville in Open All Hours – has reunited with co-stars Gwyneth Strong, who played Cassandra, Sue Holderness (Marlene) and Tessa Peake-Jones (Raquel).

As part of the upcoming special, fans will see previously unseen footage after it was unearthed at the BBC, and the stars' reactions on camera.

Tessa, 68, who also stars as Mrs Maguire in the ITV drama Grantchester, appeared on Lorraine yesterday.

Speaking to stand-in host Christine Lampard, she said: "They found unseen footage in a drawer at the BBC and they've put together two or three episodes. Cut scenes, some of it is scenes where things went wrong. They put it all together and got us to watch the various scenes. It was very odd though, and David Jason was very, very poignant about it all.

"There was one bit he watched and he said 'Oh, we were so young and successful back then,' so it was quite depressing. But I know what he meant, seeing yourself decades ago, it was peculiar."

Announcing the new UKTV documentary series Only Fools And Horses: The Lost Archive, to be shown later this year, Sir David said: "The love for Only Fools has never faded. It's incredible to see how many people still hold it close to their hearts. Revisiting these rediscovered moments reminded me just how special the show was – and still is."

Sean Doherty, director and series producer, said: "The archive has uncovered some extraordinary material. We've been spoilt for choice."

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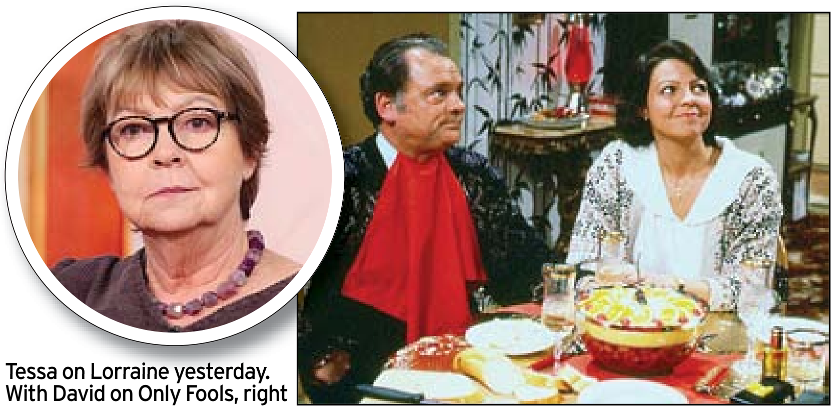

Tessa on Lorraine yesterday. With David on Only Fools, right

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D-Day

As a young man in unform with his sister and a pal

By **Tom Bevan**

ONE of the last living D-Day heroes has finally been awarded a medal for his bravery more than 80 years on in a poignant moment that marked the fulfilment of a long-held dream.

Royal Marine Donald Butt was part of the landing crew in the first wave at Normandy's Juno Beach on June 6, 1944.

His officers told him he was too young to disembark fully on to the beach – Don had just turned 18 – and so he always thought his age disqualified him from receiving the French Legion d'honneur.

Now 100, and eight decades after he lived through the horrors of D-Day, the war veteran has at long last been awarded the medal as recognition of his role in the Allied invasion of Nazi-occupied Normandy.

In an emotional meeting on Saturday, the great-great-grandfather was handed the insignia by other marines.

Daughter Karen Cetin, 60, said: "The medal means everything to Dad and he always said it was something he would love to have.

"We were in a bit of a race against time. He is 100 and it was very important to him – and to us – that he was recognised before it was too late.

"As a family we are all so proud of his achievements and think he fully deserves it."

Don signed up to the Royal Marines when he was 17 and was sent to Normandy the next year.

While not allowed to land, he was in the direct line of fire amid heavy German resistance and saw friends and colleagues killed.

For decades he did not speak about his experience and only recently opened up to family and friends about finding himself in the water, clinging on to ropes as bombs and bullets flew all around.

In a previous interview he recalled: "I can still see all the D-Day landing troops going in. The sea was very rough and we were surrounded by all the carnage of war. There were shots going off everywhere, shells, bombs... I can remember it vividly – there were so many ships." Following D-Day, Don and his crew also helped land three or four further ships of US troops in Cherbourg to help in the fight against the Nazis.

After he shared his story with a fellow marine, efforts were made on his behalf to get him the Legion d'honneur from the French authorities.

The highest decoration in France, it has been awarded since 2014 to 5,500 British veterans involved in military operations there in 1944 and 1945 as a mark of appreciation for their part in liberating the nation.

An initial application for Don's medal, submitted in 2024, was rejected by the French for undisclosed reasons – and with the war

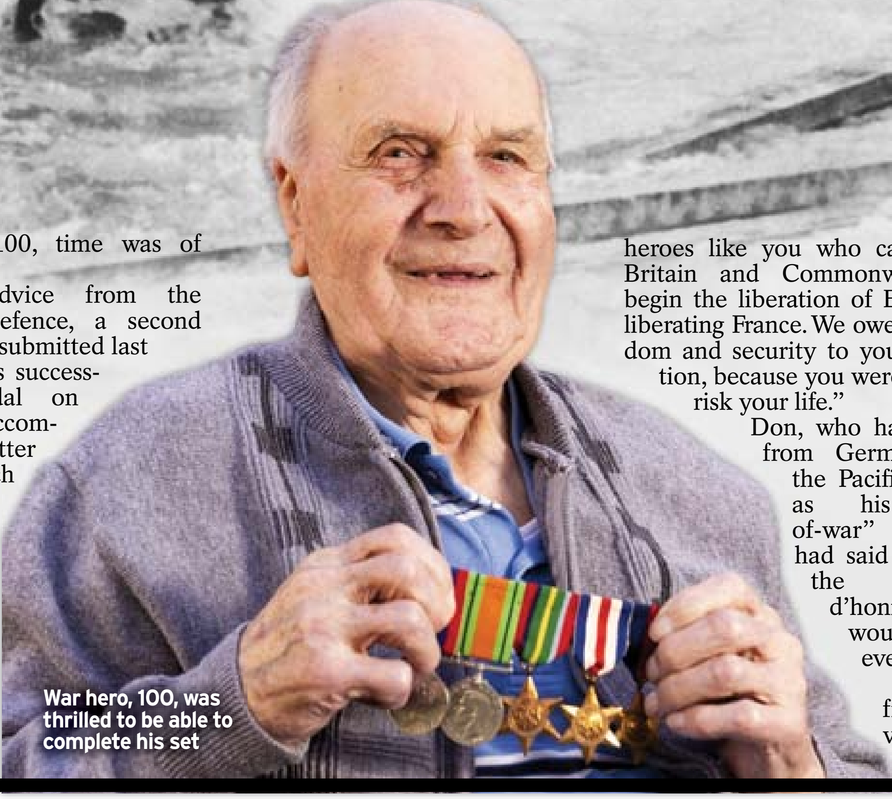
Marines on Juno Beach, Normandy, June 6, 1944

hero's final wish

Normandy veteran Don, 100, fulfils his ambition to be presented with France's coveted Legion d'honneur 81 years on

Don joined the Royal Mariness in 1943 at 17

The Legion d'honneur is the highest accolade in France



War hero, 100, was thrilled to be able to complete his set

hero turning 100, time was of the essence.

Following advice from the Ministry of Defence, a second application was submitted last year, which was successful. The medal on Saturday was accompanied by a letter from French ambassador Helene Duchene.

It read: "As we contemplate this Europe of peace, we must never forget the heroes like you who came from Britain and Commonwealth to begin the liberation of Europe by liberating France. We owe our freedom and security to your dedication, because you were ready to risk your life."

Don, who has medals from Germany and the Pacific as well as his "end-of-war" medal, had said receiving the Legion d'honneur would mean everything.

Speaking from his village care home in Somerset, he added: "It is very important to me.

"It would make my pack complete. It is the last one missing from my medals. It is my final ambition, my final wish to get that medal."

After operations in the Channel, Don was despatched to the Pacific, hearing en route that atomic bombs had been dropped on Japan and the Second World War was over.

After leaving the Marines with 42,000 sea miles logged, he returned to England, where he met and married Marguerite in 1947, with whom he had four children.

Don had a long career in the quarry industry and rarely spoke about his D-Day experience.

Karen, of Cheddar, Somerset, added: "He is a modest man and I think only last year he realised how proud of himself he should be."

John Rawlinson, of the Royal Marines Historical Society, helped with Don's application.

He said: "We are delighted that Don has received his medal. As a young man he was one of the generation who were willing to give all for their country and their friends and families. It was great he was given so much assistance in London and Paris when the team became aware he hadn't received the Legion d'honneur.

"The Royal Marines and the wider Commando community are proud he is one of their family. Once a marine, always a marine."

‘We would not treat animals like this in a vet’s... so why do we in a hospital?’

Corridor care at Epsom Hospital in Surrey in January last year

Nurses blast corridor care

BY **HANNA GEISSLER** Health Editor

NURSES have compared corridor care in the NHS this winter to “a type of torture”, with patients forced to endure undignified conditions.

Damning accounts shared with the Royal College of Nursing included a description of one patient left in a chair for four days and another who died after choking in a corridor.

Responses from 436 staff this month showed poor care in inappropriate spaces remained widespread.

A nurse in south-west England said: “I imagine patients feel deeply embarrassed, objectified, judged, uncared for, feel a burden on a broken system.

Freezing

“[They may] wish they had never bothered to come in and would rather have taken the risk of dying at home than go through the torture.

“Because that’s what we subject them to, a type of torture.” Another nurse in the South said: “We would not treat animals like this in a veterinary practice, so why in a hospital?”

Nursing staff told the RCN they treat patients in freezing corridors, dining rooms, kitchens, offices, seminar rooms, family rooms, deceased viewing rooms and discharge lounges.

One working in the South of England described suffering nightmares after a patient died in a lounge that had been turned into a ward.

The survey comes a year after the RCN published a groundbreaking report about the front line of the UK’s corridor care crisis.

RCN general secretary Prof Nicola Ranger said the latest findings once again reveal “the devastating human consequences of corridor care, with patients forced to endure conditions which have no place in our NHS”.

She added: “The tragedy is that, every day, people are coming to harm when they need excellent care the most. That is heartbreaking and deeply troubling.”

Prof Ranger urged the government to invest in more beds, nurses, community services and social care.

New YouGov polling shows almost one in five (18%) of adults have witnessed care being delivered in a corridor or other non-clinical spaces in the past six months.

A Department of Health spokesman said: “The situation we inherited is unacceptable and undignified. We have taken immediate steps – including investing £450m to expand urgent and emergency care services.

“NHS England is also working to reduce variation, tackle inconsistencies and reduce discharge delays.”

Hopes for cheap Wegovy pill

EXCLUSIVE

BY **RICHARD ASHMORE**

A MEDICAL expert has said patients battling obesity could soon have access to a cheaper weight-loss pill which they would take for life.

The US Food and Drug Administration has given a world-first green light to a tablet version of the obesity-busting drug Wegovy.

The oral form of the medication is the first of its kind to receive formal approval from a national regulator.

Injectable versions of GLP-1 drugs, which mimic a natural hormone that controls appetite and feelings of fullness, have rocketed in popularity in the UK with around 1.6 million adults using them in the past year, said the University College London.

But for the estimated nine out of 10 people accessing the drugs privately, injector pens of the medication cost between £100 to £300 depending on the dose. However, medical experts are hopeful the approval of a pill version in the US could pave the way for a cheaper oral form of the drug here which patients can take for life, just like treatments for high blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes.

Prof Dror Dicker, an obesity specialist at Rabin Medical Center in Israel, said: “People don’t understand that obesity is a chronic disease. They are surprised we have to take the medication for life.

“But if we succeed it will reduce mortality, reduce cardiovascular disease, and reduce liver and kidney failure.

“Obesity is not a choice, it’s a disease. As with most diseases, we’re not healing them, we’re managing them.”

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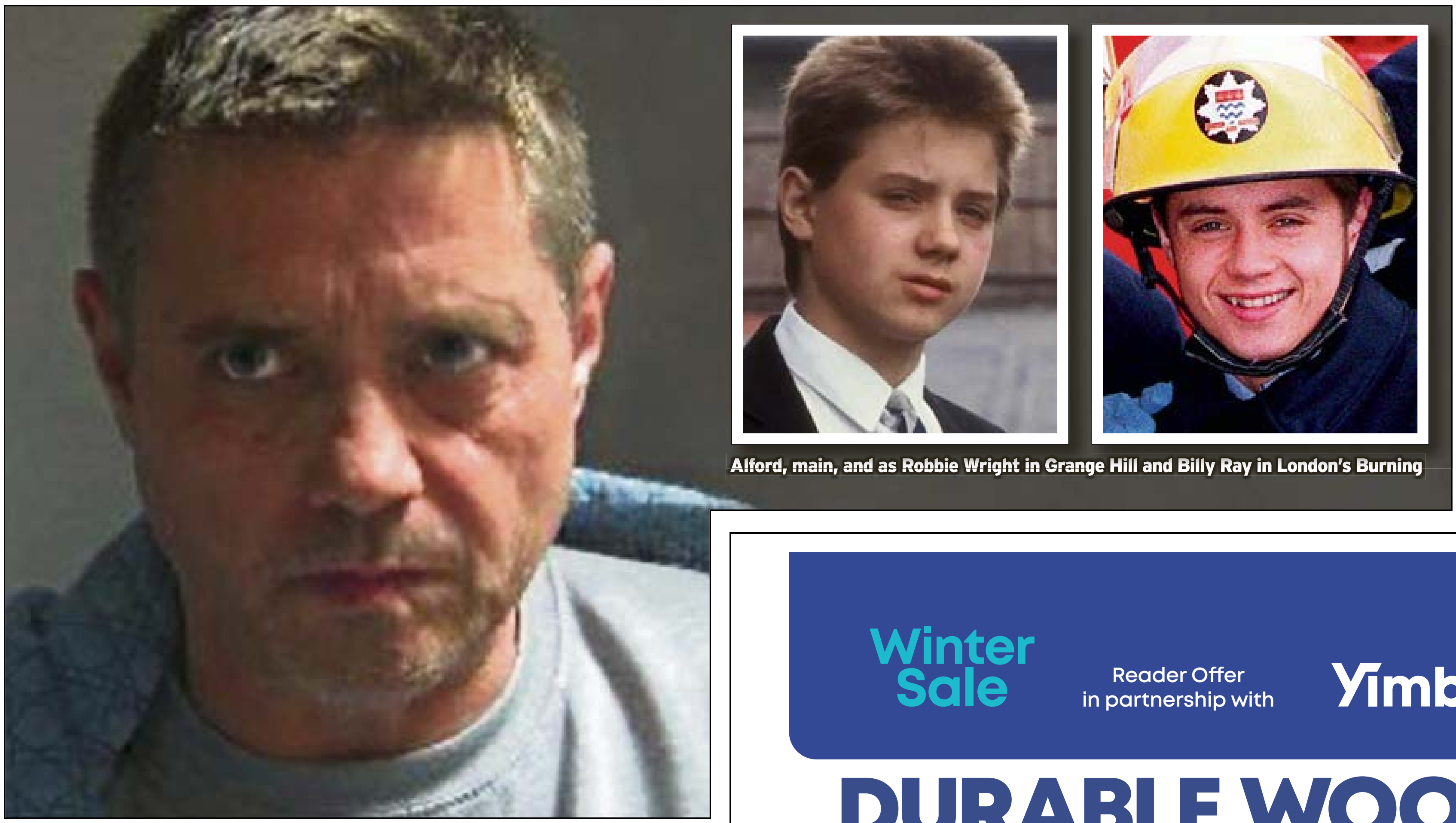

Alford, main, and as Robbie Wright in Grange Hill and Billy Ray in London's Burning

8½ years' jail for London's Burning star

Actor's sex assaults on girls

BY **PATRICK HILL**

FORMER London's Burning and Grange Hill actor John Alford was yesterday jailed for sexually abusing two teenage girls.

A jury found him guilty of committing four counts of sexual activity with a 14-year-old and sexual assault against a 15-year-old who was asleep on a sofa.

Alford, 54 – real name John Shannon – looked towards family members in the gallery and tapped his hand on his heart before being led away to begin his eight-and-a-half-year sentence.

Suicidal

The court heard harrowing victim impact statements read on behalf of his victims, who watched via screens.

The older of the two admitted she attempted suicide, aged 16, and had self-harmed for two years.

She said: "This man destroyed my mental wellbeing. I was in so much physical and emotional pain.

"I felt so suicidal and depressed.

"I struggle with men. I don't want to think of every man as evil, but I do.

"Every day I wake up thinking I could have done something to help my friend."

She added: "I will never forget his face, his scent, his voice or him."

The younger victim described Alford forcing himself on her and having sex, despite being older than her dad.

She added: "I had so much shame. I didn't want to tell anyone. What happened to me will be with me forever.

"The assault has completely changed my perspective on life."

Alford, who starred in Grange Hill in the 1980s and London Burning in the 1990s, struck at an impromptu house party after a night out at a pub in Hertfordshire in April 2022, St Albans crown court was told.

The girls, who did not know him, were enjoying a sleepover at the home of a third girl.

Her father was friends with Alford, who has four children aged five to 19.

After the other adults went to bed, Alford, who was described as a trusted family friend and fully aware the girls were 14 and 15, was left alone with them.

Having bought vodka for the girls, Alford had sex with the 14-year-old in the garden and again in a toilet. The court previously heard that Alford asked her: 'Do you want this, babe?' to which she replied: "No". He inappropriately touched the 15-year-old as she lay half-asleep on the sofa.

Alford, of Islington, North London, had denied the crimes but a jury found him guilty by a majority verdict of 10 to two.

Hygiene low for star chef

A DOUBLE Michelin-starred chef said he is "not embarrassed" after his restaurant received a one-star hygiene rating.

The £468-a-head Ynyshir Restaurant in Ceredigion, Mid Wales, specialises in Japanese cuisine. Gareth Ward says Food Standards inspectors questioned his use of raw and salt-aged fish.

He added: "I'm not embarrassed. My standards never drop below 100%."

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SHOOT FOR THE MOON... AND MARS!

As Nasa prepares to blast four astronauts into orbit for its first crewed lunar mission in over 50 years, how the history-making voyage could secure humankind's future on the Red Planet

EXCLUSIVE

From **Peter Sheridan**
in Los Angeles

WARNING lights flashed: a life-threatening emergency. Air was leaking from the crew's module, and the spaceship's life-support system was failing. Calmly and methodically, the four astronauts addressed the crisis. It was the Artemis II crew's first time together in their command module, and Nasa's Mission Control threw life-or-death challenges at them in the training session at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida last July.

Towering over launch pad 39B, the Artemis II spaceship today sits ready to blast off as early as next month on the first crewed mission to the Moon since Apollo 17 in 1972.

Soaring 322ft above the pad, weighing 2,585 metric tonnes, crammed with more than 45 miles of cables and wiring, it will be the largest, heaviest and most powerful rocket ever to leave Earth's orbit.

Though Artemis II will not be landing on the lunar surface – Nasa aims to put boots on the ground by 2030, though China is vying to get there first – it will fly 6,400 miles behind the dark side of the Moon: the furthest humans have ever travelled into deep space.

Artemis II astronauts, clockwise from left, Christina Koch, Victor Glover, Jeremy Hansen and Reid Wiseman

Yet the Moon is only a stepping stone, a small detour before making the giant leap for mankind into interplanetary exploration with a mission to Mars.

President Donald Trump issued an Executive Order last month calling for a return to the Moon "to assert American leadership in space, lay the foundations for lunar economic development, prepare for the journey to Mars, and inspire the next generation of American explorers".

Renowned British astrophysicist Stephen Hawking in a 2008 Nasa lecture urged crewed missions to Mars, saying: "It will completely change the future of the human race and maybe determine whether we have any future at all."

American scientist Carl Sagan favoured Mars exploration to advance science, search for alien life, and secure humanity's future. A self-sustaining colony on Mars would be "a step more significant than the colonisation of land by our amphibian ancestors some 500 million years ago," he said.

A crewed voyage to establish a base on the red planet, demanding up to nine months of travel each way with current technology, is a daunting, high-risk enterprise. It is likely to be preceded by constructing space stations orbiting around both the Moon and Mars, not to mention decades of a multi-billion-pound financial commitment and sustained political will.

Returning astronauts to the Moon for the first time in 53 years, the Artemis II launch, scheduled for a three-month window opening on February 6, is the next step towards Mars.

It represents not only the zenith of human technological advances, but also symbolises mankind's insatiable quest for exploration, discovery and, inevitably, the exploitation of resources.

But Nasa is painfully aware of the perils that could threaten this first Artemis flight with a crew. The space agency can never forget the three Apollo One astronauts who died in a launch pad flash fire in 1967; the near-disaster when Apollo 13's oxygen tank exploded and barely made it back to Earth in 1970; the 1986 Shuttle Challenger disaster that killed seven crew members shortly after takeoff; and the Columbia Shuttle that broke up on re-entry with defective heat shields, claiming seven lives in 2003.

"Space is hard – but worth it," said Sir Richard Branson, following the deadly crash of his company's Virgin Galactic test flight in 2014.

Even these early steps towards Mars are fraught with danger.

ARTEMIS I, which flew without a crew in 2022, experienced several problems that could have proven catastrophic. Its heat shield burned up on re-entry, and stage separation bolts melted. The updated Artemis II features a new life support system untested in flight, including its carbon dioxide removal system and cabin pressure control.

Nasa's concern is evident in the unprecedented safety systems designed to rescue the astronauts in the event of a launch disaster.

If a countdown emergency occurs before liftoff, an emergency egress system can whisk the astronauts away from the launch pad in a gondola-style lift using a 1,335ft cable strung from launch pad 39B.

Sitting atop Artemis II is a 44ft-tall launch abort system, which in a takeoff emergency can rapidly shoot the crew module and its astronauts – Americans Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover and Christina Koch, and Canadian Jeremy Hansen – away from the launch vehicle. It would steer the capsule to safety, and then separate from the module before deploying a parachute.

The spaceship will orbit Earth while checking that all systems are functioning, before using thrusters to head for the Moon, swing around its dark side as did Apollos 8 and 13, and head back to Earth.

Nasa hopes to land on the Moon by 2030 but, to misquote Star Trek, they will be going where many men have gone before: 12 Apollo astronauts, to be precise, between 1969 and 1972. It became so routine that the public and politicians lost interest and scrapped the project.

While Nasa aims for the Moon, its eyes are firmly set on Mars, *inset*, as the big prize, using the heavy-lift Space Launch System rocket that powers Artemis II.

Elon Musk's Space X company is also developing a separate programme for Nasa to build a crewed base on Mars.

The world's richest man, Musk envisions the fourth planet from the Sun as a self-governing colony – though that raises complex questions about a technocrat-funded independent government on another planet when current law dictates that space, like international waters on Earth, is the "province of all humanity".

Yet massive challenges lie ahead: astronomic expenses coupled with inevitable cost overruns and schedule delays; technological challenges such as landing a heavy craft in the thin Martian atmosphere; the need to shield crews from harmful solar radiation and cosmic rays; the deleterious effects of prolonged time in zero and low-gravity; the psychological effects of extreme isolation; and the necessity for years of government commitment when a change of political will could slash programme budgets.

A space station on Mars would require a fleet of spaceships delivering construction materials, fuel and supplies. A 2016 plan produced for Nasa by Lockheed Martin for an orbiting Mars base camp so far remains on the drawing board.

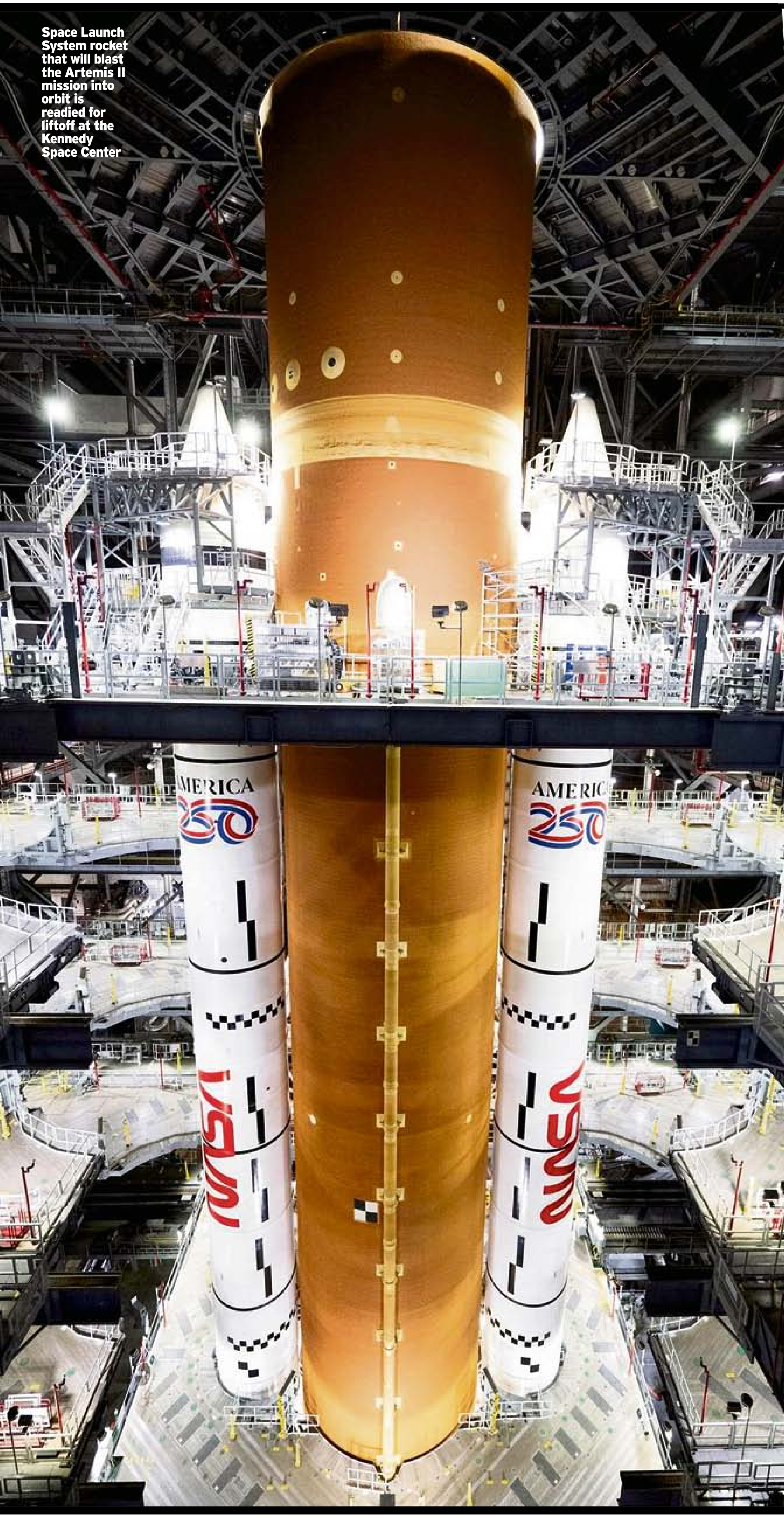
Earth orbit is currently space's great expansion zone. Dozens of satellites for communications and military use are launched every week, with almost 15,000 currently overhead. Satellite constellations are proliferating like an extra-terrestrial armada.

Amazon billionaire and Blue Origin spacecraft chief Jeff Bezos favours putting heavy industry into low Earth orbit, rather than focus on inhospitable bases on the Moon and Mars.

Others are planning orbital manufacturing labs to take advantage of microgravity, and exploring how giant orbiting AI data centres in the cold of space could be powered by massive solar arrays without the Earthly need for giant water cooling or straining electrical grids.

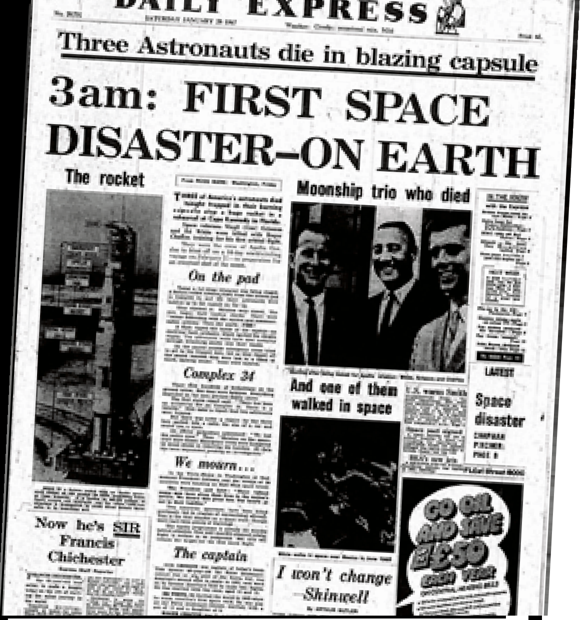
But fickle politicians hold the purse-strings, and can cut them at any moment.

President George HW Bush in 1989 proposed landing the first human on Mars by



Space Launch System rocket that will blast the Artemis II mission into orbit is readied for liftoff at the Kennedy Space Center

Last manned mission to the Moon saw Commander Gene Cernan, *pictured*, walk on the lunar surface; right, Daily Express front page coverage of Apollo One disaster in 1967



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2019 – a project quickly abandoned amid more pressing terrestrial issues.

Even President Trump last spring axed Nasa's budget for a Lunar Gateway space station orbiting the Moon, intended as a staging point for Nasa's Deep Space Transport to Mars, only to revive it – at least for the immediate future – with his One Big Beautiful Bill passed in July.

And Earth undoubtedly has pressing problems of its own that could benefit from the billions that would otherwise be funnelled into a Mars mission: homelessness, poverty, starvation, wars and pandemics among them.

YET THE drive to explore new worlds may be in our blood. "There's a deep nomadic impulse built into us by the evolutionary process," said the late Carl Sagan.

"We come, after all, from hunter-gatherers, and for 99.9% of our tenure on Earth, we've been wanderers. And the next place to wander to is Mars."

It could also be a matter of life or death for all humanity.

The late Stephen Hawking claimed that inter-planetary settlements were vital for the ultimate survival of the human race, as Earth may be variously threatened by climate change, nuclear war, pandemics, asteroid impacts and uncontrolled AI.

"Although the chance of a disaster to planet Earth in a given year may be quite low, it adds up over time, and becomes a near certainty in the next thousand or 10,000 years," he warned.

"Our only chance of long-term survival is not to remain inward-looking on planet Earth, but to spread out into space."

Artemis II may only be taking a swing around the Moon, but the future of mankind could be riding with it.

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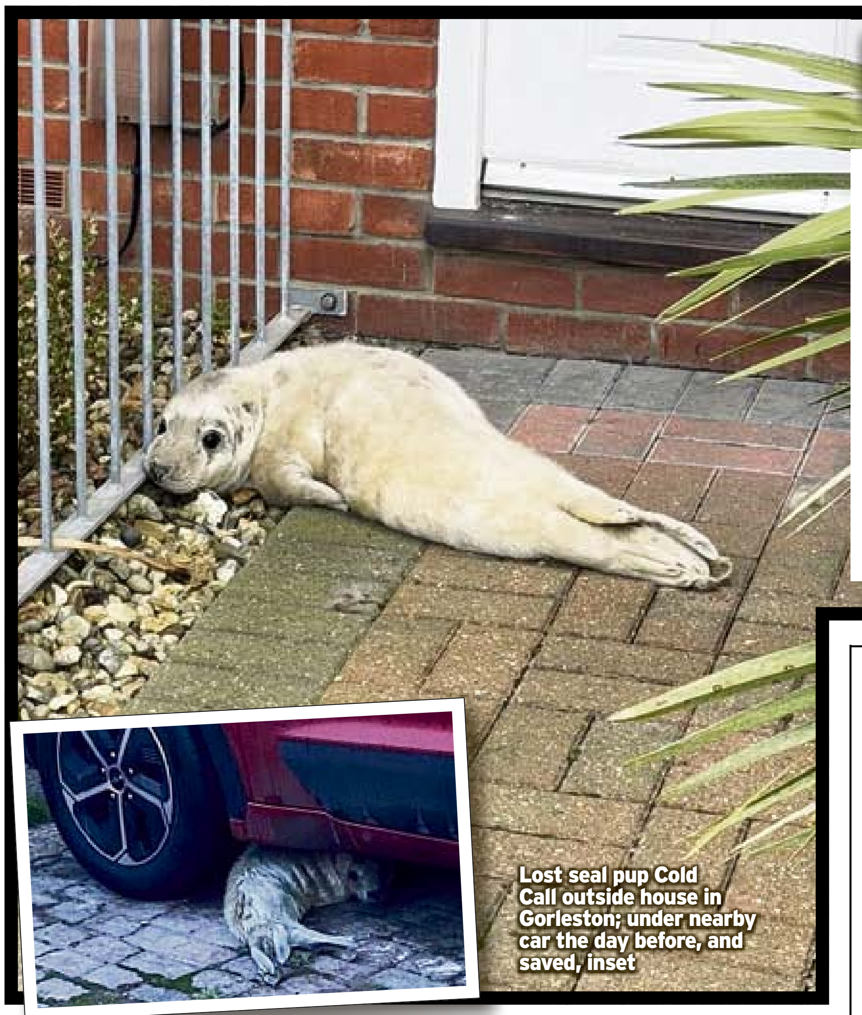


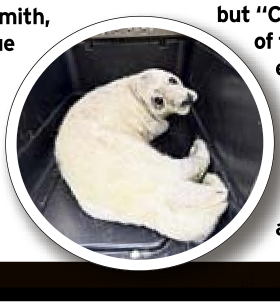
Lost seal pup Cold Call outside house in Gorleston; under nearby car the day before, and saved, inset

BY **ED CHATTERTON**

THIS seal pup is on the path to recovery after it was found outside a house's front door, by a post worker.

Wildlife rescue volunteers were called in when the lost female turned up in Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk. The day before it had been seen under a nearby parked car – but had gone when rescuers arrived.

Following the postie's find, Dan Goldsmith, of the nearby Marine and Wildlife Rescue charity, took the pup to the RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre at King's Lynn where it was named Cold Call.



The seal is less than two weeks old and weighed just 26lb, so it will need months of rehabilitation before being put back in the sea. Cold Call joins 31 grey seal pups at the animal hospital – many were orphaned or injured in storms and a tidal surge.

Evangelos Achilleos, centre manager, said some turned up in "curious places" such as a muddy field, but "Cold Call is one of the more unusual. One of the biggest challenges is getting them to eat for themselves. Grey seal pups could be with us at least five months. We are so grateful to all our colleagues from the various seal rescue groups."

Dan said: "We were alerted that the pup had been found in a front garden of a house by a postman."

Sting pays out over £595k in royalties case

BY **DANNY HALPIN**

STING has paid almost £600,000 to his two former Police bandmates since the start of a legal case between them, the High Court heard yesterday.

The singer and bassist's £1.5million case against a claim by drummer Stewart Copeland and guitarist Andy Summers is focused on how old royalty agreements apply to new streaming technology.

And Sting's barrister said he has paid more than £595,000 in "admitted historic underpayments" to the pair since the legal action began.

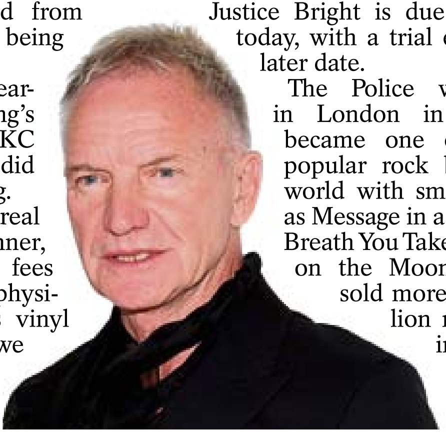
Sting, who wrote most of the band's hits, struck deals with the pair in the late 1970s to pay them "arranger's fees" of 15%, it was said.

Agreement

They began suing him in 2024, saying money generated from streaming was not being paid to them.

At a preliminary hearing yesterday, Sting's lawyer Robert Howe KC argued that the deals did not apply to streaming.

He said Sting, real name Gordon Sumner, believes arranger's fees should only apply to physical products such as vinyl and cassettes. Mr Howe said the case hinged on the phrases "mechanical income" and "public performance fees" . He highlighted one agreement made in 2016 that he said states money is owed only on income "from the manufacture of records".



Sting faces battle

Ian Mill KC, for Mr Copeland, 73, and Mr Summers, 83, said the issue to be decided was "whether the parties have accounted to each other for arranger's fees correctly in accordance with the terms of the 2016 settlement agreement".

He claims they are owed more than £1.49million. In previous court documents filed in December 2024, Mr Mill said Sting's former bandmates are owed the amount because arranger's fees had not been paid from money generated through streaming.

The preliminary hearing before Mr Justice Bright is due to conclude today, with a trial expected at a later date.

The Police were formed in London in 1977, and became one of the most popular rock bands in the world with smash hits such as Message in a Bottle, Every Breath You Take and Walking on the Moon. They have sold more than 75 million records, making them one of the best-selling groups ever.

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‘Marty is pursuit of

BY **FRAN BOWDEN** and **HANNAH BRITT**

HAVING been widely tipped for an Oscar for his performance in Marty Supreme, just like its title character, Timothée Chalamet is on course to achieve his dream.

He beat Leonardo DiCaprio and George Clooney to a gong at the Golden Globes for best actor in a musical or comedy film, for his portrayal of hustler-turned-table-tennis-ace Marty Mauser.

Describing the film, set in 1950s New York in which Marty, a young man in his 20s, goes to hell and back in his pursuit of greatness, Timothée says: “It’s about dreaming big. It’s about a young dreamer in New York who dreams of being the greatest table tennis player of all time.

“And if that sounds like small stakes for a film, somehow, because of the amazing work of director Josh Safdie and the cast, it becomes a metaphor for pursuing your dreams relentlessly in life.

“You know, when you’re in your early 20s and nobody believes in you, that’s a challenging thing to do.”

Timothée adds: “I like the optimistic tone that the movie strikes at a time when things are quite gloomy. Your dream is your dream in life and nobody can really tell you otherwise.

“The movie is equally about being an idiot in your 20s. Being a bowling ball and not necessarily having the best relationship with others.”

Challenges

Under intense scrutiny since his breakthrough role in Call Me By Your Name in 2017, which earned Timothée, then 22, an Oscar nomination, he understands the pressures of trying to achieve your dreams young better than most people.

And he admits he felt drawn to the role of Marty partly due to his moral compass lacking direction.

He says: “That was one of the greatest challenges of this role.

“Marty is really morally ambiguous. The ethical lens of the film, and of Marty, is all over the place. It’s a selfishness pursuit.”

Inspired to act by Heath Ledger’s performance in 2008’s The Dark Night, the bilingual Timothée, who has dual French and American citizenship, attended New York’s LaGuardia High School, a top performance arts institution.

Before Call Me By Your Name, he appeared in Homeland in 2012 and Christopher Nolan’s Interstellar in 2014. Since then, his major films include Beautiful Boy (2018), Little Women (2019). Dune (2021), Dune: Part Two (2024), Wonka (2023) and A Complete Unknown (2024) chronicling the early years of the legendary Bob Dylan.

And Timothée used Covid as an opportunity to simultaneously improve his skill playing both table tennis and the guitar, in preparation for portraying both Marty and Dylan.

Determined to make it look like he could play the sport “to a high level,” he explains: “Like with the Dylan movie, the table tennis aficionados, I wanted them to not flinch when they saw the movie.

“Everyone has got a passion in life and when you see it represented on screen and it’s not accurate, you scoff. You almost feel offended.”

Some of the Marty Supreme shots actually imitated those played by Marty Reisman, the late ping pong star nicknamed “The Needle” who was the inspiration for the film.

Timothée says: “They were pulled from real history, from actual flashy players from 1950.

“That footage is online. That’s the famous ‘Reisman Twirl’.

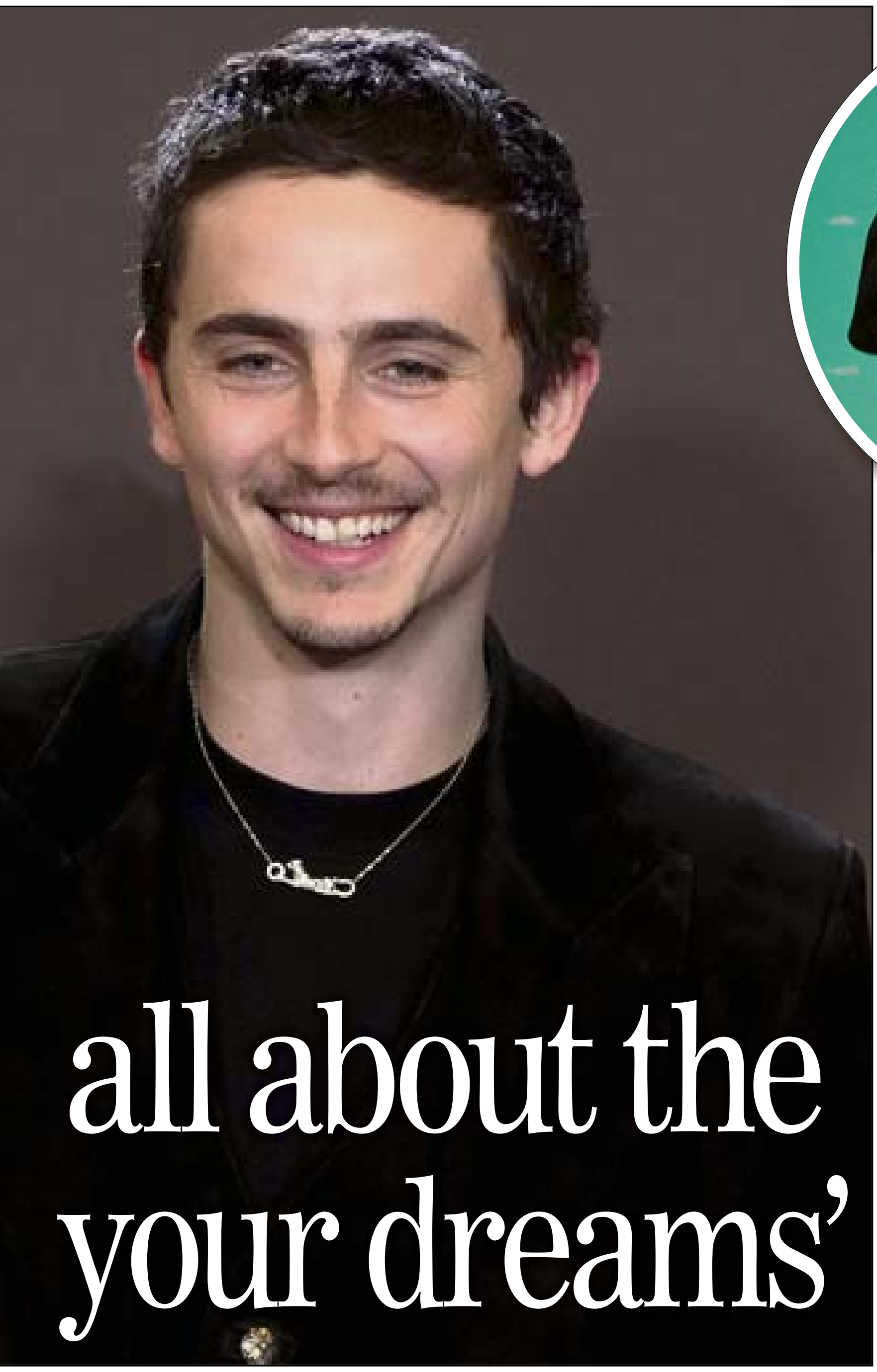
“Marty Supreme was a project that first came together in 2018, that’s when we had our first meeting.

“Through Covid, I got rid of all the furniture I had in my apartment and put table tennis equipment there and had Josh [Safdie] come and play with me. He rolled an ankle. I was 23 years old and my apartment was dusty. I

Timothée celebrates his Golden Globes win, main picture. As Bob Dylan, top, and with girlfriend Kylie Jenner at the LA premiere of Marty Supreme, below

TIMOTHEE CHALAMET ON NEW MOVIE

Timothée as Marty Mauser. Left, Marty Reisman, here in 2007, was the character's inspiration



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had loads of time to train in Covid. Then the big productions I was on had long-dated schedules, like Dune, with days off in between, so I was able to carry on learning the guitar and table tennis."

Ever the perfectionist, Timothée, who was joined by girlfriend Kylie Jenner to celebrate his success at the recent Golden Globes, is meticulous whenever he takes on a character.

He says: "You get one go at it. You prepare and prepare and prepare for a role and then you kind of abandon it all at the door and give your all to a scene.

"I'll do whatever is demanded. I think this method acting thing can get a bad rap at times. I call it 'method energy'.

Unusual

"I'm not trying to stay in character, but I avoid anything that might take away from it, keeping my phone off during films, or as much as I can."

Timothée, who made his Broadway debut back in 2016 in Prodigal Son and is known for portraying complex, emotional characters, tries not to be distracted from his work when he is playing a role.

The New Yorker continues: "My focus is mostly on 'How do I really make sure the real world doesn't affect me on set? How do I loosely stay in the zone as much as possible?'"

He hugely appreciates how lucky he has been to land such unusual parts in some off-beat movies that have gone on to be massive hits.

He says: "Every shoot day is a precious thing. A movie like Marty Supreme, it's a miracle that it gets made. A 1950s table tennis thriller!

"So, every day we're on set, it's a gratitude exercise that we get to work on something great. Especially at the moment, you know, with AI and all sorts of stuff."

But while parallels can be drawn between the upward trajectory of Marty's life and that of Timothée's, the actor's attitude to any movie accolades is far from selfish.

On top of his Golden Globe, he also took home Best Actor at the recent Critics Choice Awards and is in the running for the top individual gong at the Actor Awards (formerly the SAG Awards).

Nominations for the 98th Oscars are set to be announced on Thursday, with those in the know tipping the sporting drama, which also stars the likes of Gwyneth Paltrow, Odessa A'zion, Kevin O'Leary and rapper Tyler the Creator, to be a major consideration for the Academy.

But Timothée says of the awards season: "Any association with that conversation is for the movie.

"I want the movie to get a lot of love. The awards stuff doesn't matter."

● *Timothée Chalamet was speaking on The Arts Hour, broadcast on the BBC World Service.*

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Suspension for ‘lying’ Harley St plastic surgeon

BY **JAMES MANNING**

A PLASTIC surgeon who performed liposuction at a private Harley Street clinic without proper registration and lied to the watchdog has been suspended.

Dr Sayed Mia was given a 12-month ban after claiming to Care Quality Commission inspectors that he was a patient, giving them a false name and contact details.

The watchdog had visited the Central London clinic after complaints were filed against Dr Mia, who was also carrying out male breast reductions there despite not having the requisite registration to do so.

Intercepted

The four CQC inspectors arrived on November 14, 2023, and introduced themselves. A short while later, Dr Mia was seen heading to the lifts with a suitcase.

The Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service heard an inspector intercepted the South Africa-qualified surgeon, telling him the reason for the visit was “to establish if regulated activities were taking place at the clinic” following the complaints.

He claimed to be a patient, giving his name as Ahmed Munda.

Dr Mia was said to be repeatedly pressing the lift buttons and “appeared nervous and eager to leave” during the conversation.

The hearing was told that a young man waiting outside the consultation room then interrupted and said: “He’s not a patient, he’s a doctor I’ve come to see.”

The inspector then asked Dr Mia again if he was a doctor. He replied: “I am a doctor, but a scientist not a medical doctor”, and claimed he had only worked at the clinic that one day.

Dr Mia later admitted to the General Medical Council that he performed the surgeries and that the information he provided to the inspectors was untrue.

He claimed he had acted in fear after a former employer had made threats “that they knew people at the CQC, GMC and Home Office”. But the tribunal found Dr Mia “had failed to act honestly and with integrity, and showed a deliberate disregard for professional standards”.

It stopped short of striking him off the medical register, however, adding “a period of 12 months’ suspension, at the upper end of the suspension banding, was the most proportionate sanction”.

Palace’s spring clean is work of art

BY **ED CHATTERTON**

IT’S the annual new year deep clean at Blenheim Palace, and staff have got it down to a fine art.

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‘Further disasters inevitable’ at Notts stab attack NHS trust

Students Barnaby Webber and Grace O’Malley-Kumar and caretaker Ian Coates were murdered in 2023

BY **SOPHIE ROBINSON**

THE families of three people killed by a schizophrenic man in Nottingham say the NHS trust that treated him is “not safe” and should be put into special measures after a report criticised its mental health services.

The relatives of Barnaby Webber, Grace O’Malley-Kumar and Ian Coates said there is “real fear” that “further disasters are inevitable” as the findings of an inspection of Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust were published yesterday.

Valdo Calocane, who has paranoid schizophrenia, killed students Mr Webber and Ms O’Malley-Kumar, both 19, and school caretaker Mr Coates, 65, and tried to kill three more people in Nottingham in June 2023.

A Care Quality Commission report said the trust’s mental health services, which cared for Calocane between May 2020 and September 2022, “were not always humane, dignified or gave high quality care”. Between May 2024 and August 2025, the CQC carried out 39 inspections at the trust before a review of its leadership was held last September.

Schizophrenic killer Calocane

The report said the trust was found to have breached regulations about how it was managed, and asked it to provide an action plan. The CQC said: “Due to the level and nature of risks identified, we have taken enforcement action and asked the trust to make significant improvements and to work collaboratively with key stakeholders…to support significant improvement.”

Seven of the trust’s 18 services were rated as “requires improvement”, including five mental health services.

The families of Mr Webber, Ms O’Malley-Kumar and Mr Coates said: “This report confirms what families have feared: this trust is not safe and should be placed into special measures immediately.

“Families have lost all confidence this trust will learn on its own. If it is allowed to continue unchanged, there is a real fear further harm and disasters are inevitable. This is no longer about improvement plans or assurances.

“It is about urgent intervention, accountability at the highest level and protecting lives.”

Greg Almond, of solicitors Rothera Bray, who represents survivors Wayne Birkett and Sharon Miller, said there were “glaring problems” in the trust’s mental health care.

Ifti Majid, chief executive of Nottinghamshire Healthcare, said: “We accept the CQC’s findings and recognise where improvement is needed.”

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Romanians went straight to burgling

BY **JAMES CONNOLLY**

A PAIR of Romanian burglars “ransacked” homes and tore through children’s bedrooms just a day after arriving in the UK.

Ion Zaharia, 44, ***top right*****, and Samir Barbulesteanu, 23,** ***bottom*****, arrived by car from France in October and were burgling houses within 24 hours. Liverpool crown court was told the pair, with an accomplice who remains at large, first struck in Warrington, Cheshire, at a family home. Judge Gary Woodhall said they face deportation, adding: “You ransacked that home. Anybody having their home broken into in this way has safety undermined.”**

Zaharia was jailed for 51 months and Barbulesteanu for 42 months.

30-SECOND CHALLENGE

JUST follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end of the row. Set your own 30-second challenge. For the very young or arithmetically rusty, you have 30 seconds for the BEGINNER task.

For a greater challenge, try BEGINNER and INTERMEDIATE in 30 seconds. True mental gymnasts should try INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCED in 30 seconds together.

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We asked in our poll on Tuesday:

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Cameron and the roller stand proud in Wigan

Let's get this magnificent showstopper on the road

BY **CHARLIE FENTON**

CAMERON Stephenson is feeling anything but flat after lovingly restoring a 10-ton century-old steamroller to splendour.

The nation's youngest steam engineer devoted hundreds of hours over two years, and tens of thousands of pounds, to the 1928 Marshall S-Type roller.

Proud

Cameron, 26, said the 18ft machine was built for Formby district council, Lancs, to tamp down asphalt on the roads.

It was later commandeered for the region's airfields during the Second World War.

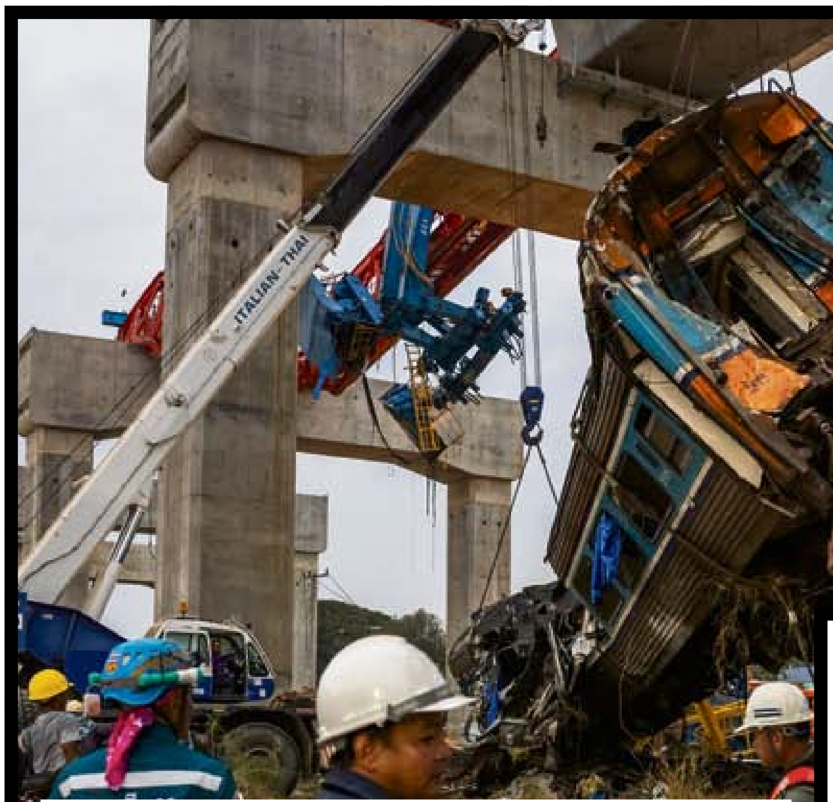
The heritage restorer, one of only 10 remaining in Britain, said: "It is a beautiful machine, very much a novelty piece. It has a rich history and I'm glad to be keeping it alive. I've spent tens of thousands on the project but it has been worth it. I'm very proud of the outcome."

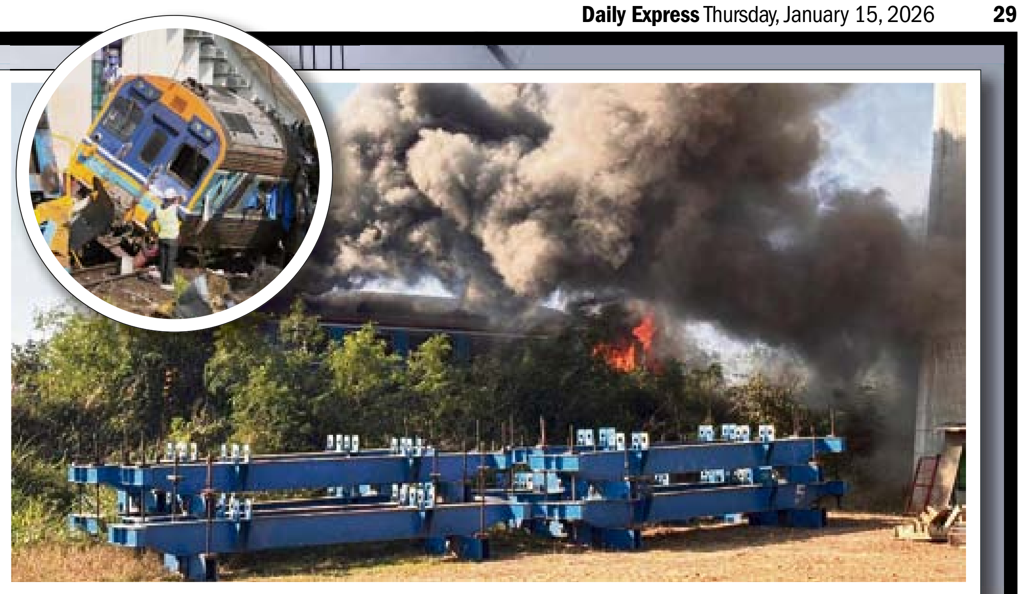
Cameron, who started his business CJS Heritage Engineering aged 17 in Wigan, bought the machine in 2022 after rescuing it from a yard.

It had been shrouded under a tarpaulin for decades following a father-and-son restoration which was abandoned when the dad died.

Cameron is now finishing off the paint job with the help of partner Hannah Walsh, also 26.

They hope to be done in May, ready to take the steamroller to rallies over the summer.





Rescue bid, derailed train and fireball in Thailand

30 die as crane hits train

AT LEAST 30 people were killed and four are still missing after a construction crane fell on a moving passenger train causing a fiery derailment.

Rescuers stood on overturned carriages, some of them with gaping holes in their sides, in their attempt to reach the 117 on board.

The tragedy occurred on part of a planned high-speed rail project in Nakhon Ratchasima, north-eastern Thailand, to connect China with much of south-east Asia. In August 2024, a tunnel on the planned route collapsed in the same province, killing three workers.

The State Railway of Thailand plans legal action against the project's contractor Italian-Thai Development. That company, also known as Italthai, was the co-lead contractor for the State Audit Building in Bangkok which crumbled during construction in March, killing about 100 people.

Harsh reality of Victorian war vet's life

BY **STEPHEN BEECH**

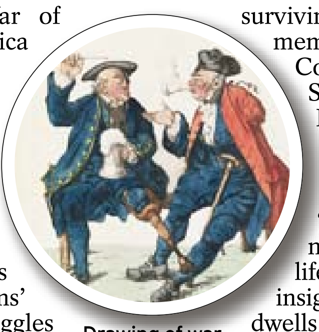
THE brutal truth of life as a disabled war veteran in Victorian Britain have been revealed in an insightful lost memoir.

A historian's discovery of the autobiography of soldier Shadrack Byfield has shed new light on his life after returning from the War of 1812 in North America minus an arm.

The story of Byfield, who buried his own amputated left arm and went on to design a custom prosthesis, has featured in several documentaries.

The memoir reveals his pursuit of veterans' benefits and his struggles with pain and poverty.

Byfield wrote: "It now pleased the Lord to afflict me with a violent rheumatic pain in my right shoulder, from which the [musket] ball was cut out. I was in this condition for three years. Oftentimes, I was not able to lift my hand to my head, nor a tea cup to my mouth."



Drawing of war vets from 1801

Historian Dr Eamonn O'Keeffe found what he believes to be the only surviving copy of Byfield's memoir, History and Conversion of a British Soldier. Published in London in 1851, it turned up in Cleveland, US.

Dr O'Keeffe said: "Uncovering these new details about his life provides remarkable insight. The veteran also dwells on his periods of indebtedness, illness and unemployment."

The findings were published in the Journal of British Studies.

Byfield, from Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, died in 1874 aged 84.

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TECH NEWS

The CES 2026 trade show in Las Vegas showcased top audio products and here are some to listen out for...

LG XBOOM

Pop legend will.i.am has joined forces with LG to release some smart new xboom speakers.

The new lineup includes the xboom Mini for ultimate portability, along with an xboom Blast, which features a rugged design, 35-hour battery life and military-standard durability, making it perfect for an outdoor party.

There's also the new xboom Stage 501, which has a neat trick up its sleeve.

Budding singers can try out the AI Karaoke Master mode, which can remove or adjust vocals from virtually any song. So you can belt out a solo tune or duet with a famous artist all without needing special audio files.

Official launch dates and prices have yet to be confirmed.

SHOKZ BUDS

The new Shokz OpenFit Pro offers an impressive audio experience without needing to shove buds in your ears. You get noise reduction, a comfy fit, a premium design with aerospace-grade aluminium and 12 hours of playback on a single charge. To make things sound more immersive, they are also optimised for Dolby Atmos with head tracking. On sale from January 22 for £219.

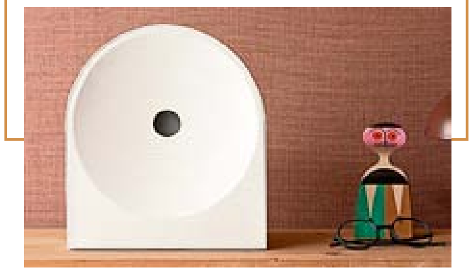
MUSIC STUDIO 5 SPEAKER

Samsung is launching a new speaker that looks more like an ornament than an audio gadget.

The Music Studio 5 gets a design that won't look out of place on any mantelpiece, and it also features incredible sound thanks to a 4in woofer and dual tweeters.

There's even clever technology called AI Dynamic Bass Control, which deepens low frequencies without distorting the music, plus wi-fi casting means you don't have to use Bluetooth to play your favourite tunes.

Along with the Music Studio 5, Samsung is also launching a Music Studio 7, which will offer bigger sound and a more cinematic experience.



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A SMARTER WAY TO DO LEGO

The CES technology show has just taken place in Las Vegas, with all the world's biggest manufacturers showcasing their latest and greatest devices. We took a trip to the Nevada desert to see what's exciting and new.

Lego took this year's show by storm with the launch of a clever new concept. The famous toy firm unveiled its Smart Brick under the bright lights of Las Vegas, which crams a tiny PC-style processor inside its plastic casing.

This intelligent piece of Lego then pairs new Smart Tags and Smart Minifigures to make things come to life as you play.

Thanks to a variety of sensors and accelerometers tucked inside the Smart Brick, along with an in-built speaker and lights, it responds to actions and is fully interactive.

It doesn't require annoying AAA batteries, and there's also no need to link things to a smartphone or tablet. Lego wants this to be a standalone experience without distractions from a screen.

Lego Star Wars will be the first sets to feature this clever technology, with fans able to unlock interactive features, such as laser-shooting effects, engine sounds and battle lights.

They will go on sale from March 1 with prices starting from under £60.

Tomorrow's wilder world

Plenty of weird and wacky products always make an appearance at CES and offer a glimpse of the future. Here is our pick of the best alternative gadgets set to launch soon

L'ORÉAL FACE MASK

Strap this new mask to your head and tackle those wrinkles. This new innovation from L'Oréal uses LED lights to help firm up skin and make things feel a little smoother.

It also features a flexible silicone design to fit all faces, and a timer to remind you when to remove it.

There'll be a bit of a wait for it, though, with an expected launch in 2027.

LG CLOID ROBOT

Fed up with household chores? LG's new CLOiD robot takes care of the hard work so you can put your feet up. This clever robot is powered by AI and vision-based technology – which mimics human sight and visual processing abilities – to help with cooking, cleaning and sorting laundry.

Thanks to its wheels and human-like arms, it can whizz around homes clearing up after you and even communicates through speech and facial expressions.

ULTRASONIC C-200

Budding chefs will soon be able to chop like a pro. The new Ultrasonic C-200 knife got its grand unveiling at CES, and it features a clever cutter that vibrates at more than 30,000 times per second.

This shockwave technology helps it slice through food with ultimate precision and 50% less force than a standard knife. Its makers say the buzzing blade makes it feel sharper than it physically is.

The Ultrasonic C-200 will go on sale in the spring and expect to pay around £350.

ROBOROCK SAROS ROVER

Robot vacuum cleaners are taking homes by storm, but they do have one glaring issue: they can't get up stairs.

Luckily, that problem will soon be fixed thanks to a new device from Roborock called the Saros Rover.

Using its in-built legs, wheels and motion sensors, this vacuum has the ability to clean every floor.

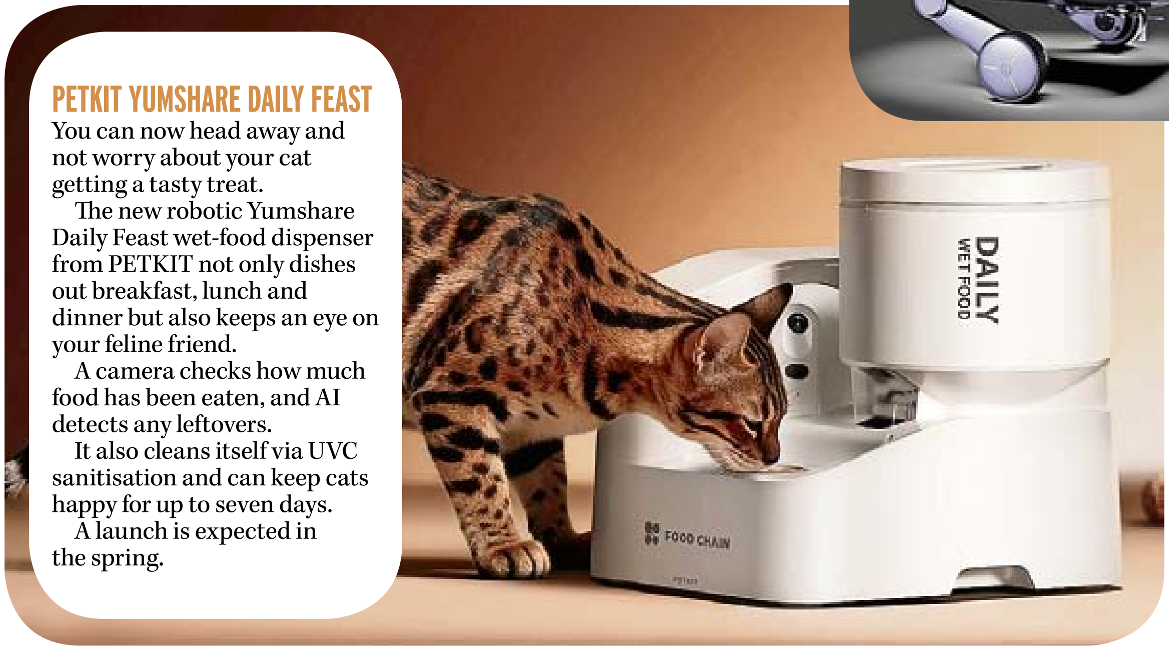
It's in development right now and could be cleaning homes soon.

LENOVO THINKPAD ROLLABLE XD

If your laptop screen just isn't big enough, this clever concept from Lenovo will help. It's called the ThinkPad Rollable XD and features a flexible display that expands at the touch of a button.

That means you can work on a giant display, then retract it so the device doesn't fill up your entire rucksack.

It's just an idea for now, but it could make working on the move a whole lot easier.



PETKIT YUMSHARE DAILY FEAST

You can now head away and not worry about your cat getting a tasty treat.

The new robotic Yumshare Daily Feast wet-food dispenser from PETKIT not only dishes out breakfast, lunch and dinner but also keeps an eye on your feline friend.

A camera checks how much food has been eaten, and AI detects any leftovers.

It also cleans itself via UVC sanitisation and can keep cats happy for up to seven days.

A launch is expected in the spring.

BABY FUFU FAN

There's a cute new way to keep kids cool in the summer. The Baby FuFu not only features a fun look but also a clever design, which means little fingers can't touch the in-built fan blades.

It comes in numerous colours and is expected to cost around £40 when it launches later this year.

CABLE FREE *Wallpaper TV from LG*

BEAMING *Freestyle+ projector*

GIANT *Samsung Micro RGB*

Stay tuned for the future face of telly

Expect exciting changes in how you watch your favourite shows and films this year

If your current TV has lost its lustre, now is a good time to explore the upgrades heading our way. New televisions are always launched at the CES trade show, and it's been another blockbuster year with all the world's biggest manufacturers unveiling pixel-packed displays in Las Vegas. The star of the show was Samsung's super-sized Micro RGB TV, which measures in at a whopping 130in – that's over three metres from corner to corner.

Homes big enough to install it can expect stunning visuals, a smart design and glare-free technology, which minimises reflections on the giant screen.

Samsung also showcased something a lot smaller but still just as smart. The new Freestyle+ projector can beam an image on to walls and curtains, with clever AI making sure it always looks picture-perfect.

Not to be outdone, LG also arrived at CES with numerous upgrades, including an ultra-thin Wallpaper TV that eliminates the need for annoying cables.

This evo W6 telly features a Zero Connect Box which can be placed up to 10 metres away – or even tucked in a cupboard – with content from gaming consoles and streaming devices then beamed to the display wirelessly.

LG's new Gallery tellies were also revealed for the first time, which hang on walls like a picture and even come with access to thousands of pieces of art.

They will be available in 55in and 65in sizes and will feature a slim, flush-mount design with customisable magnetic edges to help them blend in on any wall.

FRAME *Amazon Ember Artline*

Picture frame-style screens were a trend this year.

Amazon is also launching something similar called the Ember Artline.

This range of 4K QLED televisions features a thin 1.5in design and a matte screen designed to make art and photos look just like real prints.

All of these screens will arrive later this year, prices to be confirmed.

Opening up a new world of laptops

Loads of laptops were launched in Las Vegas, including the return of the XPS from Dell.

The US company caused a stir last year when it killed off this popular PC brand, but now it's back and looking better than ever.

Not only is the new range thinner and lighter, it's also way more powerful thanks to the latest processor from Intel.

Ludicrously long battery life, pin-sharp touch screens, loud speakers, and a premium design that's made from aluminium all add to the appeal.

The fully rebooted XPS will arrive soon in 14in and 16in sizes – UK pricing is yet to be confirmed.

Other laptops getting their grand unveiling this year include a more affordable gaming PC from Alienware, which will offer impressive performance on a lower budget.

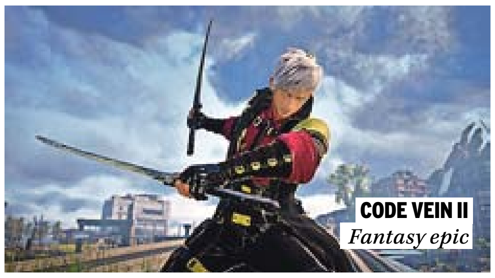
Samsung also revealed its Galaxy Book6 range, which gets a boost in performance along with upgraded screens and a premium look.

BATTERY LIFE *Dell's XPS*

GAMING *Alienware*

GAMING NEWS

By **TOM HUTCHISON**



CODE VEIN II *Fantasy epic*

Sony has detailed the top video games coming to the PS5 in the first three months of 2026 and bosses are confident the machine will surge ahead of rivals.

They're crowing about the sales and critical success of big titles like **Death Stranding 2: On the Beach, Ghost of Yotei, Hollow Knight: Silksong** and **Clair Obscur: Expedition 33** in 2025.

The coming months are shaping up nicely for the console as leaders at Sony prepare for a series of fresh gaming hits.

Corey Brotherson, of the firm's PlayStation Blog, said: "Sure, 2026 has a lot to live up to, but even its first few months have plenty coming to PS5 and PS4. Better get your wishlists ready, things are about to get busy in the best way."

First up is **Arknights: Endfield**, a space opera role-playing game, out on January 22. It's an action and exploration-driven blockbuster set in a "lavish, yet hostile high-tech world".

Then there's **The Seven Deadly Sins: Origin** on January 28. It's also an RPG but more colourful in design and anime in look, where you and up to five players via drop-in/out co-op can explore a massive open-world of monsters, dungeons, and a multiversal quest.

The month ends on the release of **Code Vein II,** a fantasy epic where you play a Revenant Hunter 100 years in the past, rewriting the landscape of the present. Think big beasties and boss battles aplenty as you're joined by uniquely equipped partners to slay the demons.

TIDES OF TOMORROW *Watery adventure*

February 6 sees the fan-wanted sequel **Nioh 3**. Again, an RPG, you play a hero with a blend of samurai and ninja skills fighting a powerful calamity known as the Crucible. As samurai Tokugawa Takechiyo, the fate of Japan rests on your blade, as his jealous brother's yokai hordes look to bring hell to humanity.

BlazBlue Entropy Effect X joins the fray on February 12, which switches up the genres to a side-scrolling cartoony hack-and-slash fighting game. Full of colourful pyrotechnics, potent power-ups, and a detailed progression system, there's lots here to get stuck into.

Tides of Tomorrow hits on February 24. It's a multiplayer action title set on the high seas where you follow in the footsteps of other Tidewalker gamers.

Horror fans will love **Resident Evil Requiem**, coming February 27, as we return to the franchise's classic Raccoon City. You play wholly unprepared intelligence agent Grace Ashcroft in a blood-soaked investigation, complete with zombies and chaos.

March sees the release of sci-fi shooter **Marathon**. It's a first-person gun game at heart, mixed with heist and looting gameplay.

And there's the launch of **Crimson Desert** on March 19, where you'll find yourself in a fantasy land called Pywel, fishing, mining, crafting and fighting as you try to build a life alongside rival tribes, brutish monsters and a mechanical dragon.

CRIMSON DESERT *Monster battle*

MOTORING TESTED TRUSTED DRIVEN

Cupra's strong Tribal instinct

Cupra has strengthened its Formentor and Terramar offerings with new Tribe Editions.

First revealed at the IAA Munich Motor Show last year, the Tribe Editions introduce a range of exterior and interior modifications to further distinguish both models. Priced from £39,240 for the Formentor and £43,255 for the Terramar, both cars get a new exterior colour – Manganese Matt – as well as bucket seats with 3D knitted materials and bio-based paint for interior elements. The alloy wheels get an eco-friendly design too, incorporating 20% recycled materials.

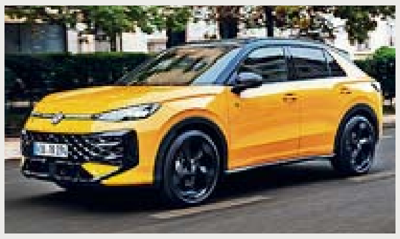
The Formentor Tribe Edition will be available with a range of engines, including 1.5-litre petrol and Cupra's 1.5 e-hybrid model, which can bring an electric-only range of up to 36 miles. It's a similar story with the Terramar, too, which is also available with a series of petrol-based engine options. The new Cupra Tribe Edition models are available to order now.

UK NO1 ELECTRIC CAR IS REVEALED

Its chief exec is not to everyone's taste – but that didn't stop Tesla's Model Y being the bestselling electric vehicle in the UK last year.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said 24,298 examples of the electric SUV were registered in 2025, with Tesla's Model 3 saloon in second place with 21,188 registrations. Last October, Tesla boss Elon Musk unveiled stripped-back versions of both to try to fend off rising competition from China. Globally, Tesla sold 1.64 million vehicles in 2025, with Chinese firm BYD knocking it off the top spot for EV sales, with 2.26 million bought last year.

Tesla's sales also represented a 9% fall on the previous year. In third place came Audi's Q4 e-tron with 14,433 registered. The Ford Explorer, BMW i4 and Skoda's Enyaq and Elroq models also made the UK's top 10.



NEW T-ROC'S NO MELLOW YELLOW

The second-generation Volkswagen T-Roc SUV has just launched.

It retains the same coupe-like exterior with "hockey stick" C pillars, redesigned front LED headlights, LED rear lightbar, and a red illuminated Volkswagen logo.

Inside, the T-Roc has a similar design to its Tiguan and Tayron SUV siblings with a 12.9in screen, optional head-up display, higher quality materials, a 10in digital instrument cluster and a 475-litre boot.

Under the bonnet, the T-Roc has a 1.5-litre turbocharged petrol engine with mild-hybrid tech and outputs of either 114bhp or 148bhp. Two hybrid powertrains are in the pipeline too.

The UK market will get three trim levels – Life, Style and R-Line. A high-performance "R" may arrive later though not confirmed.

Priced £31,620, order books are open with further details on spec coming soon.

Volvo charges into the lead

Volvo has claimed its EX60 electric SUV will have a class-beating range of 503 miles on a single charge.

Making its world debut on January 21, the EX60 is competing in the premium electric SUV market, rivalling the likes of the Tesla Model Y and Audi Q6 e-tron, which have claimed electric ranges of up to 387 miles and 398 miles, respectively.

The EX60's class-leading range is down to new 800-volt electrical architecture, while the cell-to-body technology allows the battery to be integrated into the structure of the car, helping reduce weight and boost efficiency.

The EX60 will be compatible with ultra-rapid 400kW charging speeds, which the manufacturer claims can add up to 211 miles of range in just 10 minutes.

Anders Bell, chief technology officer at Volvo Cars, said: "With the EX60, we are directly addressing the main worries customers have when considering a switch to a fully-electric car. The result is a class-leading range and fast charging speeds, marking the end of range anxiety."

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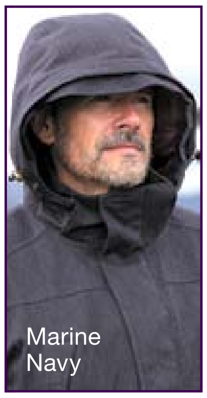

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YOUR CIVIC BEAUTY

Honda's long-serving small hatchback is looking and feeling even better after another facelift. And it's still a smart, stylish all-rounder for families

Family hatchbacks hold a strong share in the new car market thanks to their compact dimensions and practical cabins. The Civic is one of Honda's longest-serving models and has been kicking around since 1972. It's now into its 11th incarnation and is regarded as one of the best small hatchbacks money can buy due to its sporty driving experience, practical load area and bulletproof reliability.

WHAT'S NEW?

It's at the front where most of the changes have been made with the Civic receiving redesigned upper and lower grilles, a body-coloured lower bumper spoiler, sculptured front bumper and fresh alloy wheel designs.

Inside, the A-pillar garnishes and headliner are now finished in black, while higher-spec cars receive a new steering wheel, a 10.2in digital driver's display and a wireless phone charger.

WHAT'S UNDER THE BONNET?

The Civic is only available as a hybrid, which is a 2.0-litre petrol engine mated to an electric motor. It produces a total of 181bhp and 186Nm of torque, while 60mph takes 7.7 seconds and the car runs out of steam at 112mph.

Honda claims it can travel up to 56.5mpg on the combined cycle and emissions are a low 113g/km of CO2. All Civics come as standard with an e-CVT automatic transmission, with no manual option available.

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO DRIVE?

Previous Civic models have had a sporty and driver-focused feel and this is no exception.

Chuck the car into a bend and you'll notice how flat it corners, with lots of grip and virtually no body lean. The driving position is perfect. You sit low and feel part of the experience, while the hybrid powertrain is smooth, quiet and extremely efficient. In a mixture of town and motorway driving, we were averaging 50mpg on the combined cycle.

The steering feels precise and direct, and power from the 2.0-litre petrol engine is more than enough for everyday driving. The only issues were the lack of refinement at higher speeds with a fair bit of wind and road noise entering the cabin.

FACTS

Honda Civic Sport Hybrid

Price as tested: £36,420
Engine: 2.0-litre petrol with electric motor
Power: 181bhp
Torque: 186Nm
0-60mph: 7.7 seconds
Top speed: 112mph
MPG: 56.5mpg
CO2 emissions: 113g/km

HOW DOES IT LOOK?

This latest model looks more like a svelte fastback rather than a boxy five-door hatchback. Although it won't be to everyone's liking, its low stance and curved proportions make it look purposeful on the road and add to its sporty nature.

Our test car is in Sport trim, which adds a few extras such as larger alloy wheels and gloss black door mirrors. It's at the back where the design becomes a little bit Marmite, as the sloping tailgate and curved rear make it look more like a four-door saloon.

WHAT'S IT LIKE INSIDE?

The Civic's interior design is a simple and stylish combination. There are lots of soft-feeling plastics on the dashboard and door cards, while the full-width air vents that run across the dashboard are a nod to the old third-generation Civic from the 1980s.

Storage is great too, with two large cupholders in the centre console, a deep centre armrest storage bin, wide front door bins, a spacious glove box and our test car also benefits from a wireless phone charger.

Space in the back is good, but the sloping roofline means anyone over 6ft will brush their heads on the ceiling. At least legroom is impressive. It's in the boot where it starts to overtake the competition, because at 410 litres, it's 29 litres more than on a Volkswagen Golf, while the rear seats fold completely flat to give a total luggage capacity of 1,220 litres.

WHAT'S THE SPEC LIKE?

The range starts with entry-level Elegance at £33,795, with all models boasting keyless entry and start, heated front seats, LED headlights, rear privacy glass and front and rear parking sensors. Our mid-level Sport can be yours for £35,395. It adds a wireless phone charger, a heated steering wheel, front fog lights and 18in alloy wheels. Top-of-the-range Advance starts at £38,695, with a panoramic glass sunroof, a 12-speaker Bose premium audio system and leather upholstery.

VERDICT

This facelift hasn't dented the Civic's appeal in any consumable measure. It's still one of the best cars to drive in the small family hatch class.

As an all-rounder, it is the jewel in Honda's crown.

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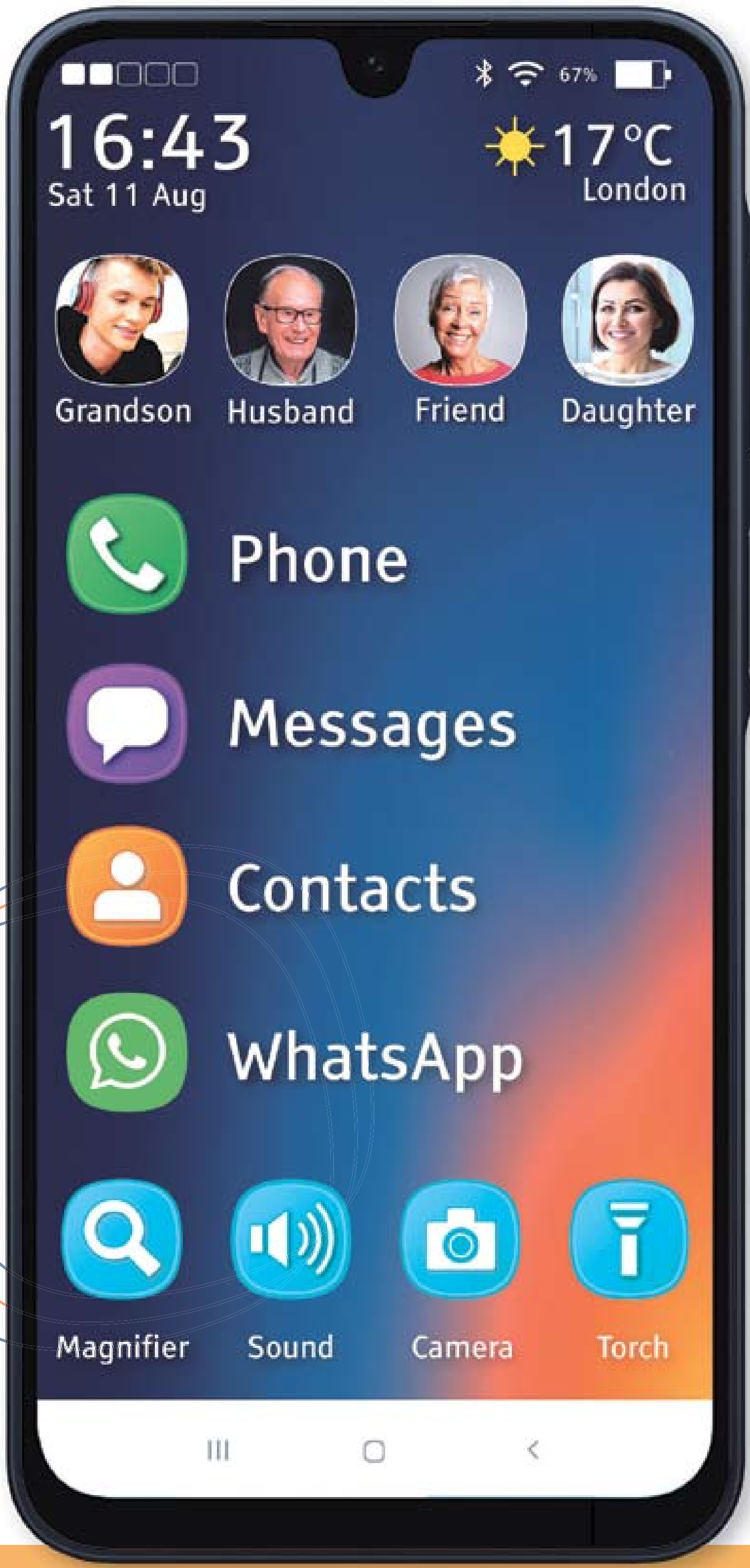

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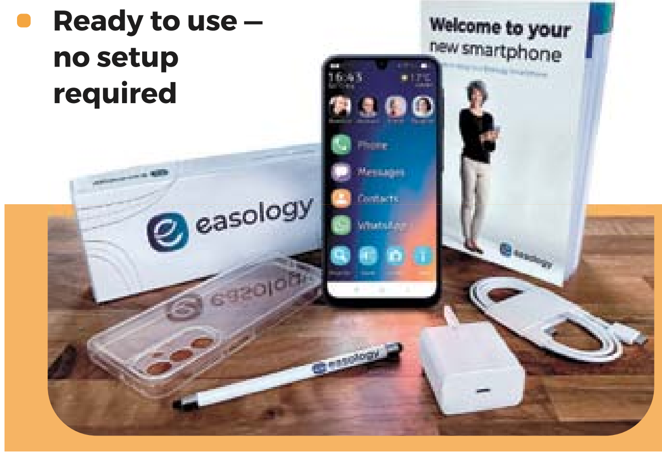

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TODAY'S TV ONES TO WATCH

by **MIKE WARD** *TV critic*

Pick of the day
LORRAINE KELLY'S NORWEGIAN ODYSSEY, C4, 8PM

SPAIN WITH MICHAEL PORTILLO 5, 8PM

MICHAEL visits Asturias, on Spain's northern coast. It's very pretty and surprisingly green. He says it "may remind you of Ireland or Scotland" and that its climate is "wonderfully mild". Which sounds suspiciously to me like it rains a lot.

Also on this leg, he judges a local stew-cooking challenge, witnesses the crowning of the region's Grandad and Granny of the Year and strains quite alarmingly to inflate a set of Asturian bagpipes, prompting the worried tutor to warn that his face has turned the shade of his shirt.

Still, at least the shirt is a red one, not one of his lime green numbers.

BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE RAILWAY STATIONS WITH SI KING, MORE4, 9PM

THE Snowdon Mountain Railway is like no other. Well, maybe like one or two others but certainly not many, a clue as to why being that word "mountain".

Opened in 1896, it's one of those mad feats of engineering on which the Victorians prided themselves, carrying passengers on what's known as a rack-and-pinion track.

Si has longed to take a ride to its summit station, and I don't think that he's about to be disappointed.

Not unless he's hoping for a mug of hot Bovril when he gets there and they've sold right out.

OUR WEIRD WORLD
Lorraine meets the locals in Norway

SWITCHING OVER TO A FJORD FOCUS

LORRAINE Kelly and I have something in common. She's never been to Norway. Nor have I. The difference is, Lorraine says she's always wanted to go. "I've been dreaming of this adventure ever since I was a little girl," she tells us at the start of this new series of hers. "Growing up across the water, I was fascinated by tales of Viking maidens, mighty longboats and Norse warriors."

Fair enough. But then why has she never just hopped on a plane? It's only two hours away. I doubt it's beyond her budget. And it's not one of those scary countries that makes British visitors uneasy, such as Iran or North Korea or France.

Anyway, what matters is she's finally making the trip. "Heading off to meet my neighbours," as she puts it.

Why she's doing it for Channel 4, I'm not sure. Isn't Lorraine the most ITV person ever, other than Ant, Dec, Zippy & Bungle? Did her regular bosses reject the idea? Did she say: "I'd like to make a series about Norway, guys. Is it OK?" And did her bosses reply: "No, Lorraine Kelly, it is not. Dame Joanna's bagsied that one. Now, kindly return to your studio and give our viewers an update on Piles Awareness Week."

Whatever the means via which this show has come about, I have to say it's shaping up to be fun. Lorraine is clearly keen to get stuck in, to embrace whatever Norway has to offer.

And one of the main things it has to offer is weirdness. So that's good. A man called Magnus tells her that this land, according to Norse mythology, is in fact the body of an ice troll (born when ancient realms of ice and fire collided, like they do) and fjords are his veins. (The ice troll's veins, not Magnus's, although either strikes me as equally plausible.)

Lorraine learns that trolls loom large in the lives of the Norwegians. "They're dim-witted, malevolent and monstrous," she remarks, which I must say seems a bit judgemental. Unless, again, it's the trolls she's referring to; I guess I should probably check that.

Also in this episode, she learns about "friluftsliv" (the joy of the outdoors), takes a sauna, sees a rock formation the locals think resembles a man's rude bits and eats seaweed that tastes of bacon.

BEST REUNIONS

LONG LOST FAMILY, ITV1, 9PM
Alan's last memory of his mum is of her leaving when he was five. Can Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell discover what happened next?

BEST SCI-FI

STAR TREK: STARFLEET ACADEMY, PARAMOUNT+
Holly Hunter leads this spin-off that follows a group of young cadets training to be Starfleet officers in the 32nd Century.

BEST FILM

THE STRAIGHT STORY, FILM4, 11.20PM
A film based on Alvin Straight (Richard Farnsworth), who goes on a 240-mile US road trip to visit his brother – on a lawnmower.

BEST SOAP

EASTENDERS, BBC1, 7.30PM
Jasmine turns up still drunk and Yolande tries to sober her up. Elsewhere the Brannings and Beales prepare for Abi's memorial.

TODAY'S PREVIEWS ARE ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE

FILM RATINGS

★★★★★ BRILLIANT
★★★★ VERY GOOD
★★★ GOOD
★★ AVERAGE
★ BAD

(R) REPEAT

ALL PROGRAMMES ARE LISTED IN GREENWICH MEAN TIME (GMT).

BBC One

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 **Morning Live** Magazine.
10.45 **Rip Off Britain** Why an insurance company declined a no-fault claim after a fire.
11.30 **Homes Under the Hammer** Properties in Surrey, Wiltshire and south-west London. (R)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt From Eccleston, Lancashire. (R)
1.00 **BBC News at One; Weather**
2.00 **Lost and Found in the Lakes** The team dive deep to search for a precious tankard lost by a heartbroken son.
2.30 **Animal Park** A risky procedure takes a turn.
3.00 **I Escaped to the Country** (R)
3.45 **Garden Rescue** Charlie Dimmock revisits gardens in Goring-by-Sea, Cheltenham and Hampshire. (R)
4.30 **The Travelling Auctioneers** Izzie and Robin attempt to sort through 7,000 Beanie Babies.
5.15 **Pointless** Quiz, hosted by Alexander Armstrong and guest co-host Gethin Jones.
6.00 **BBC News at Six; Weather**
6.30 **Regional News; Weather**

9.30pm, BLACK OPS: Gbemisola Ikumelo

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7.00 **The One Show** Live magazine show, hosted by Lauren Laverne and Roman Kemp.
7.30 **EastEnders** Jasmine turns up in Walford still drunk, the Brannings gather to remember Abi and Priya tries to reassure a loved one.

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8.00 **The Traitors** Breakfast delivers a wake-up call for the faithful, before the mission proves to be a living nightmare for the players. Later, at the round table, the traitors try to deceive the faithful into banishing one of their own.

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9.00 **The Traitors: Uncloaked** Ed Gamble dissects all the action from the game.
9.30 **Black Ops** Dom races to fix the situation, but Kay urges honesty. Things worsen when Dom is threatened by someone from her past.

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10.00 **BBC News at Ten**
10.30 **Regional News; Weather**
10.40 FILM **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2** (2015, 12) The civilisation of Panem is consumed by a bloody civil war. Reluctant rebel leader Katniss Everdeen leads a band of her allies on a mission to end the conflict at one stroke by assassinating the despotic President Snow. Conclusion of the series based on Suzanne Collins' novels, with Jennifer Lawrence, Donald Sutherland and Julianne Moore. ★★★★

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12 MIDNIGHT
12.45am Would I Lie to You?. Bob Mortimer, Dianne Buswell, Jamelia and Mark Chapman bolster the deceitful talents of team captains Lee Mack and David Mitchell, as all concerned hope to hoodwink their opponents. Rob Brydon hosts. (R) **1.15** Weather for the Week Ahead **1.20-6.00am** BBC News

BBC Two

6.00am The Travelling Auctioneers Clearing out a 300-year-old farmhouse. (R)
6.45 **I Escaped to the Country** (R)
7.30 **Sign Zone: Gardeners' World** Planting tips. (R)
8.30 **Sign Zone: See Hear** Chef Scott Garthwaite opens the doors of the cafe to fashion and lifestyle brand Being Her founders Heroda and Hermon Berhane, and DJ and rapper MC Geezer.
9.00 **BBC News** Headlines.
12.15pm Politics Live The latest from Westminster and beyond.
1.00 LIVE **Snooker: The Masters** Coverage of the opening quarter-final on day five at Alexandra Palace in London.
5.15 **Flog It!** In Newcastle. (R)
6.00 **Richard Osman's House of Games** Famous faces Hammed Animashaun, Adam Buxton, Lisa Snowdon and Lorna Watson take part.
6.30 **Robson Green's Weekend Escapes** Robson takes actor Jo Joyner horse riding in the shadow of the Cheviots.

6pm, RICHARD OSMAN'S...: Hammed Animashaun (left)

7.00 LIVE **Snooker: The Masters** Coverage of the second quarter-final on day five, which is taking place at Alexandra Palace in London and will be played over the best of 11 frames. Mark Allen was in fine form at this stage last year, prevailing 6-2 against the three-time champion Mark Selby. Hazel Irvine presents, with commentary and analysis from Steve Davis, Ken Doherty, Stephen Hendry, John Parrott and John Virgo. Coverage continues live on BBC4.
9.00 **Rob and Rylan's Grand Tour** Rob Rinder and Rylan Clark head to Florence, setting out to discover how grand tourists tried to uncover the secrets of the Renaissance. Their journey begins with a climb up to the dome of its cathedral. (R)
10.00 **What We Do in the Shadows** Guillermo gets a new job, and Colin helps Laszlo make a new friend. Comedy, starring Matt Berry.
10.25 **Penguin Post Office: Natural World** (R)
10.30 **Newsnight; Weather**
11.00 **Lucy Worsley's Victorian Murder Club** The historian continues her investigation into the Thames Torso Murderer, looking at whether the discovery of a fourth woman's torso in Whitechapel might crack open the case. (R)

12.00m't Snooker: The Masters – Extra. Extended highlights of a quarter-final. **2.00** Sign Zone: See Hear (R) **2.30** Sign Zone: Call the Midwife (R) **3.30** Sign Zone: The Million Pound Shaman Scam (R) **4.30** Sign Zone: Robson Green's Weekend Escapes (R) **5.00-6.30am** This Is BBC Two

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.
9.30 **Lorraine** Entertainment and the latest fashion news.
10.00 **This Morning** Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.
12.30pm Loose Women Celebrity interviews and topical debate.
1.30 **ITV News; Weather**
1.55 **Regional News; Weather**
2.00 **Dickinson's Real Deal** David and his dealers are in Coventry, where a set of previously unseen Beatles photographs causes a stir.
3.00 **Time Is Money** Quiz show, hosted by Sara Davies.
3.59 **Regional Weather**
4.00 **Deal or No Deal** Contestant Ryan tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order.
5.00 **The Chase** Spiro, Brittany, Louise and Tony take part.
6.00 **Regional News; Weather**
6.30 **ITV Evening News** A round-up of the headlines; Weather

9pm, LONG LOST FAMILY: Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell

7.30 **Millionaire Hot Seat** Jeremy Clarkson hosts the quiz where each episode sees six hopefuls compete for a one-million-pound prize. However, only one player can take their place in the Hot Seat at a time.
8.00 **Emmerdale** Paddy is feeling desperately sad, while Jai is left worried and Joe is behaving furtively.
8.30 **Coronation Street** Debbie enters her plea in court and Will vandalises Ken's car to torment Daniel.
9.00 **Long Lost Family** Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell present as cameras focus on the childhoods of Alan and Katherine, who are both keen to know about their respective parents. Alan's last memory of his mother is of her leaving.
10.00 **ITV News at Ten; Weather**
10.30 **Regional News; Weather**
10.45 **Local Political Programmes** Discussion and analysis of the latest political developments and current affairs, featuring expert guests who explore the issues affecting the region.
11.15 **Long Lost Family** Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell present a series that aims to help people reunite with long-lost relatives, with investigators picking up the search when the trail has gone cold.

12.05am Millionaire Hot Seat. Jeremy Clarkson hosts the quiz where each episode sees six hopefuls compete for a one-million-pound prize. (R) **12.30** Shop on TV **3.00** Jimmy & Shivi's Farmhouse Breakfast. With guest Katie Piper. (R) **3.50** Unwind with ITV **5.05-6.00am** Deal or No Deal (R)

Channel 4

6.25am Cheers Triple bill. (R)
7.50 **Everybody Loves Raymond** Triple bill of the comedy. (R)
9.10 **Frasier** Four episodes. (R)
11.10 **American Pickers** (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News Summary Headlines.
12.10 **Car S.O.S** Tim and Fuzz take on a 1924 Austin 7 Chummy that doesn't belong to its supposed owner. (R)
1.10 **Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (R)
2.10 **Countdown** Mark Durden-Smith is in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 **A Place in the Sun** Searching around the Lecrin Valley in Granada Province. (R)
4.00 **A New Life in the Sun** In Italy, Rob and Fran host local food producers at their glampsite.
5.00 **Junior Bake Off** On Dessert Day, Liam Charles asks for a pudding that packs the perfect punch in the Technical and the bakers create some 'Pocket Money Cream Pies'.
6.00 **A Place in the Sun** Jean Johansson helps restaurant owners Skevy and David find a holiday home on Cyprus.

6pm, A PLACE IN THE SUN: Jean Johansson

7.00 **Channel 4 News** A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and up-to-the-minute weather reports.
8.00 NEW **Lorraine Kelly's Norwegian Odyssey** The TV presenter goes on a voyage of discovery up one of the world's wildest coastlines, travelling through Norway's epic fjords, over mountains and to volcanic islands.
9.00 **Patience** A young autistic girl is found hiding at the Railway Museum after witnessing her father's murder and her mother's disappearance, but she's unable to tell anyone what happened. Patience tries her best to gain her trust.
10.00 **24 Hours in A&E** Double bill. At Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham, one of the busiest A&E departments in Europe, 77-year-old Keith is treated for a cardiac arrest and Joanna has a spinal fracture after falling from her horse. In the Urgent Treatment Unit, 79-year-old John is being patched up after being run over by a car at his local market; a 74-year-old man is rushed in with suspected sepsis and his wife shares her experience as his full-time carer. 61-year-old Jillian comes in after a fall. (R)

12.05am The Murder of Laci Peterson **1.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R) **2.05** FILM Super Troopers 2 (2018, 15) Comedy, starring Jay Chandrasekhar. ★★ **3.45** The Great Pottery Throw Down (R) **4.50** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (R) **5.45-6.25am** Countdown (R)

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6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 **Jeremy Vine** Discussion.
11.30 **Storm & Alexis** Discussion and debate, with Storm Huntley and Alexis Conran.
12.45pm 5 News at Lunchtime
12.50 **Matt Allwright** Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money.
2.00 **Vanessa** Discussion show, presented by Vanessa Feltz.
3.00 **The Madame Blanc Mysteries** Jean and Dom assist Caron in solving a murder in a beautiful but remote country mansion. (R)
4.00 **Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun** Singer Laura Elen begins to arrange the biggest day of her life – getting married. With six months before her big day, she needs to get planning, starting with the florist.
5.00 **5 News at 5** Headlines.
6.00 **The Travel Show: How to Have a Great Holiday** Clips of Jane McDonald on safari in Kenya and Susan Calman in the Canaries; 5 News Update

9pm, BEN FOGLE: NEW LIVES IN THE WILD: Alison and Ben

7.00 **The Canal Map of Britain** A look at Britain's vast canal network via a fact-filled cruise along the first superhighways of the Industrial Revolution. In the age before mechanisation, a frenzy of canal-building took place (R); 5 News Update
8.00 **Spain with Michael Portillo** Michael explores the rugged green region of Asturias. His journey begins with a drive, ascending the Cantabrian Mountains in search of a fiesta, where locals celebrate with whole barbecued lamb.
9.00 NEW **Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild** Ben visits former war journalist Alison Porteous, to find out what took his host from a career reporting on the front line to life on a remote island on Lake Victoria.
10.00 **How I Murdered Mum & Dad: The Virginia McCullough Confessions** In 2023, Virginia 'Ginny' McCullough was charged with murdering her parents. This documentary explores how she spoke freely to arresting officers, confessing to killing her parents in 2019 and then living alongside their dead bodies for the next five years in the house they shared.
11.30 **My Lover, My Killer** How Jennifer Poole became the target of Gavin Murphy's deadly control. (R)

12.30am Car Pound Cops (R) **1.00** PlayOJO Live Casino **3.00** World's Most Scenic Railway Journeys (R) **3.50** Susan Calman's Grand Week by the Sea (R) **4.35** The Wonderful World of Chocolate (R) **5.25** Entertainment News on 5 **5.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom (R) **5.45-6.00am** Milo (R)

ITV2
FREEVIEW 6

6.00am CITV **7.30** Celebrity Dinner Date **8.35** Olivia Meets Her Match **9.25** The Only Way Is Essex **10.25** The Real Housewives of Miami **11.20** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills **12.15pm** Dinner Date **1.15** Celebrity Dinner Date **2.15** The Only Way Is Essex **3.15** The Real Housewives of Orange County **4.10** The Real Housewives of Miami **5.00** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills

6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase

7.00 Deal or No Deal Gameshow.

8.00 The Real Housewives of Orange County Shannon discusses her accident.

9.00 Love Island: All Stars Famous former Islanders get another shot at finding love.

10.05 NEW **Piglets** Return of the sitcom.

10.35 Family Guy Double bill.

11.35 American Dad! Klaus starts a website to embarrass the Smith family.

12.05am American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.35** Olivia Attwood's Bad Boyfriends **2.35-3.00am** Unwind

ITVQuiz
FREEVIEW 28

9.00am Deal or No Deal **10.00** Tipping Point **1.00pm** Lingo **2.00** Tenable **3.00** In with a Shout **4.00** Riddiculous **5.00** Deal or No Deal. Stephen Mulhern hosts.

6.00 Lingo Triple bill. Taking part are couple Kate and Stu from Worcestershire, and two teams from Wiltshire in the form of couple Robbie and Aimee, and Debs and her son Ben; Adil Ray welcomes sisters Ann and Jan from Swansea Valley, Daniel with mum Lynn from Telford, and Sandra with mum Sasha from Buckinghamshire; Saffron and Marcel, Beth and Margaret, and Stephanie and Catherine take part.

9.00 Alan Carr's Epic Gameshow – Celebrity Special The comedian hosts an all-star version of Name That Tune, with Shane Richie, Gabby Logan, Vick Hope and Richard Blackwood trying to identify songs played by a house band.

10.00 Tipping Point Double bill.

12.00m't Tipping Point **12.50** Tenable **1.50** Unwind **2.00-9.00am** Teleshopping

BBC3
FREEVIEW 23

7.00pm The Catch Up A round-up.

7.05 SpongeBob SquarePants

7.30 Sort Your Life Out with Stacey Solomon The Brearly-Baird family turn to Stacey and the team for help transforming their cluttered three-bedroom home as mum Lynda faces an incurable cancer diagnosis.

8.30 Stacey Dooley: Inside the Convent Stacey Dooley moves into a Whitby convent for 10 days.

9.30 The Beauty Queen and the Catfish Triple bill. The story of the nurse who targeted, harassed, stalked and exploited hundreds of women; Abbie Draper takes her findings to the police; the victims finally have justice. Last in series.

11.45 Fake Friend: The Ticket Scammer Documentary.

12.45am Matthew Perry and the Ketamine Queen **1.45-3.55am** Top Gear: Burma Special

BBC4
FREEVIEW 9

7.00pm Yorkshire Wolds Way with Paul Rose Part two of two. Paul Rose explores the national trail.

7.30 Pubs, Ponds and Power: The Story of the Village Ben Robinson explores the history of Milton Abbas.

8.00 The Stuarts in Exile Part one of two. Dr Clare Jackson recalls Prince James Francis Stuart's bid to reclaim his throne from George I.

9.00 LIVE **Snooker: The Masters** Further coverage of the second quarter-final on day five in London, played over the best of 11 frames.

10.00 FILM **Where Eagles Dare** (1968, PG) Second World War adventure, with Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood. ★★★★★

12.30am The Cambridgeshire Crucifixion **1.25** Pubs, Ponds and Power: The Story of the Village **1.55** Yorkshire Wolds Way with Paul Rose **2.25-3.25am** The Stuarts in Exile

GB News
FREEVIEW 236

6.00am Breakfast with Stephen and Ellie **9.30** Britain's Newsroom **12.00noon** Good Afternoon Britain **3.00** Martin Daubney. Updates.

6.00 Dewbs & Co Plain-speaking, straight-talking – Michelle Dewberry delivers her take on the day's news.

7.00 Farage An action-packed hour of topical discussion and debate.

8.00 Jacob Rees-Mogg's State Of The Nation Join Jacob for his unique and unmissable take on the news.

9.00 Patrick Christys Tonight Replay Join Patrick for two hours of spirited debate and news making interviews. Guests tackle the issues that matter, with a sharp take on every story.

11.00 Patrick Christys Tonight Late Edition Discussion and debate.

12.00m't The Late Show Live **2.00** Farage Replay **3.00** Patrick Christys Tonight Replay **5.00-6.00am** Patrick Christys Tonight Late Edition

U&Dave
FREEVIEW 19

7.10am James May's Man Lab **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.00** Speed with Guy Martin: F1 Challenge **11.00** Rick Stein's India **12.00noon** Bangers & Cash **2.00** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British

6.00 Rick Stein's India The chef explores the country's cuisine.

7.05 Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits Extra material from the series.

7.45 Richard Osman's House of Games

9.00 QI XL With Neil Delamere, Cariad Lloyd and Chris McCausland.

10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Bill Bailey hosts, with guest panellists comedian Fin Taylor and MP Dawn Butler.

11.00 Taskmaster Mark Watson and Nish Kumar make toast together.

12.00m't Would I Lie to You? **12.40** Mock the Week **1.20** Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits **2.00** Not Going Out **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

U&Drama
FREEVIEW 20

6.00am Teleshopping **7.20** The Bill **8.15** Doctors **9.25** Classic Holby City **10.30** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** All Creatures Great and Small **3.00** Howards' Way **4.10** Bergerac **5.20** One Foot in the Grave

6.00 To the Manor Born Audrey helps catalogue the Manor's china.

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Double bill.

8.00 Kingdom A beautiful woman arrives at the office asking for help to recover her kidnapped baby, but it transpires the accused is not only her former employer but also the child's father.

9.00 Harry Wild The lead singer of a band falls off a roof in an apparent suicide.

10.00 New Tricks The team investigates the unsolved murder of a pornographer.

11.20 Waking the Dead Part one of two. Boyd receives a dagger in the post.

12.40am Hotel Portofino **1.55** One Foot in the Grave **2.40** To the Manor Born **3.10** Harry Wild **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

E4
FREEVIEW 13

6.00am Modern Family **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Junior Bake Off **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Modern Family **11.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.00pm** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.00** The Simpsons **3.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** Modern Family **5.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

6.00 The Simpsons Four episodes.

8.00 Billion Pound Cruise Daily life on the mammoth cruise ship the Symphony of the Seas, revealing how some of the 6,680 guests occupy themselves on board this billion-pound vessel.

9.00 Gogglebox 2023 Emotional critiques of 2023's biggest and best shows.

11.05 Open House: The Great Sex Experiment Childhood sweethearts wish to spice up their 12-year relationship.

12.05am Naked Attraction. A single mother takes part. **1.10** Gogglebox 2023 **3.00** Billion Pound Cruise **3.55** The Goldbergs **4.45-6.00am** Don't Tell the Bride

More4
FREEVIEW 18

8.55am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.00** A Place in the Sun **11.30** Come Dine with Me: five episodes **2.10pm** Four in a Bed: five episodes **4.50** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **5.55** Car S.O.S

6.55 Car S.O.S The boys pick up a 1978 JCB digger belonging to a former carpenter who suffered two heart attacks.

7.55 The Dog House Venessa and son Jacob try to assess whether there is a bond between them and beagle Zoe.

9.00 Britain's Favourite Railway Stations with Si King Si fulfils a lifelong dream on the Snowdon Mountain Railway.

10.00 Guy Martin: The British Train that Changed the World Guy celebrates the 200th anniversary of the passenger train.

11.35 Emergency Helicopter Medics A man has multiple injuries after a quad-bike accident on a farm near Penrith.

12.40am Britain's Favourite Railway Stations with Si King. Si fulfils a lifelong dream. **1.40-3.50am** 24 Hours in A&E

Variations & S4C

WALES As BBC1 except: 1.35-1.45pm BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30-7.00** BBC Wales Today; Weather **10.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **10.40** Confessions of a Steroid Gang **11.10pm-1.15am** FILM The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2 (2015, 12) ★★★★

WALES As BBC2 except: 9.00pm Scrum V: The Warm Up **9.30-10.30** Rob and Rylan's Grand Tour. In Florence. **11.00** What We Do in the Shadows **11.25** Coast **11.55pm-12.00m't** Penguin Post Office: Natural World

MERIDIAN As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News Meridian; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News Meridian. The latest headlines; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Meridian; Weather

CENTRAL As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News Central; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News Central. A round-up of the headlines; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Central; Weather

ITV WALES As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News Cymru Wales; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News Wales at Six; Weather **10.30** ITV News Cymru Wales; Weather **10.45-11.15pm** Welsh Lives. Barry Town Pan-Disability football team.

WEST As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News West Country; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News West Country; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country; Weather

ANGLIA As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News Anglia; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News Anglia. A round-up of the headlines; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Anglia; Weather

WESTCOUNTRY As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm ITV News West Country; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News West Country; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News West Country

S4C 6.00am Cyw **12.00noon** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Dim Byd i'w Wisgo **12.30** Heno **1.00** Rhys Patchell: Japan a'r Gic Olaf **1.30** Y Deis **2.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **3.05** Taith Bywyd **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Gwlad y Basg: Gwilym Bowen Rhys **6.25** Y Cyfweliad **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol y Cwm **8.25** Rownd a Rownd **8.55** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **9.00** Y Byd yn ei Le **9.45** Cynefin **10.50** Cysgu O Gwmpas **11.20-11.45pm** Cymru ar Gyffuriau

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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am LIVE **Tennis** The WTA and ATP Tours, including the ATP Adelaide Open, ATP Auckland Open, WTA Adelaide Open, and WTA Hobart Open.
7.30 LIVE **DP World Tour Golf** The Dubai Invitational. Day one of the tournament, which takes place at Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club.
12.30pm Transfer Talk. The latest transfer news. **1.00** Lunchtime Live **2.00** Sports Desk
3.30 LIVE **SA20** Pretoria Capitals v Paarl Royals. Coverage of the match at SuperSport Park.
7.00 LIVE **PGA Tour Golf** The Sony Open in Hawaii. Coverage of the featured groups on day one of the tournament at the Waialae CC.
12.00m't LIVE **PGA Tour Golf** The Sony Open in Hawaii. Coverage of day one at the Waialae CC.
3.00-6.00am LIVE **Tennis** The WTA and ATP Tours.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am Big Bash League **7.00** Best of J Anderson: 500th Wicket **7.10** Big Bash League
8.10 LIVE **Big Bash League** Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers. At Marvel Stadium.
11.30 Best of England v South Africa **11.45** Best of ICC WT20 **12.00noon** SA20 **2.00** Big Bash League **3.00** Best of J Anderson: 500th Wicket **3.10** Best of Sky Cricket
3.20 LIVE **SA20** Pretoria Capitals v Paarl Royals. Coverage of the match at SuperSport Park.
7.00 Big Bash League **8.00** WPL. Mumbai Indians v UP Warriorz. **9.00** SA20 **10.00** Big Bash League **11.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **2.00am** WPL **3.00** Big Bash League **4.00-6.00am** SA20

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL Cup Retro **8.00** Best Scottish Premiership Goals 2022/23 **8.30** Best Scottish Premiership Goals 2023/24 **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** Championship Season Review **11.00** EFL Cup Highlights **11.30** EFL
12.00noon EFL Cup **2.00** EFL Highlights **2.45** SPFL Round-Up **3.00** EFL League One Goals **3.30** WSL **4.00** EFL Highlights **4.30** EFL Cup Highlights **5.00** EFL Highlights **5.15** SPFL Round-Up **5.30** EFL Highlights **6.15** SPFL Highlights **6.30** Bundesliga Weekly **7.00** Bundesliga Highlights Show **8.00** SPFL Round-Up **8.15** SPFL Highlights **8.30** EFL Cup Highlights **9.00** EFL Cup Highlights **9.30** EFL Highlights **9.45** EFL Highlights **10.00** Bundesliga Weekly **10.30** EFL League One Goals **11.00** WSL **11.30** EFL Greatest Games **12.00m't** SPFL Greatest Games **2.00** SPFL Highlights **2.45** SPFL Greatest Games **3.45** SPFL Highlights **5.30-6.00am** SPFL Greatest Games

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6.00am Chronicles of a Champion Golfer **7.00** PGA Tour: The Cut. A look behind the scenes.
7.30 LIVE **DP World Tour Golf** The Dubai Invitational. Day one of the tournament, which takes place at Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club.
12.30pm Roots **1.00** Chronicles of a Champion Golfer **2.00** TGL **4.00** DP World Tour Golf
5.00 LIVE **PGA Tour Golf** The Sony Open in Hawaii. The featured groups on day one.
12.00m't LIVE **PGA Tour Golf** The Sony Open in Hawaii. Coverage of day one of the tournament.
3.00 PGA Tour Golf **5.00-6.00am** US Open Official Films. A look back at the 2025 tournament.

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am One Day International Cricket **7.00** TNT Sports Reload **7.30** Discovery Golf **8.00** Premier League Stories **8.30** Sign Up – Into Football **9.15** Original Documentary **9.30** Ultimate Pool **11.00** Snooker Masters
1.00pm LIVE **Snooker Masters** The opening quarter-final on day six at Alexandra Palace in London, played over the best of 11 frames.
4.30 What I Wore **5.00** Isuzu UTE A-League Highlights **5.30** Premier League Stories
6.00 Premier League – The Big Interview **6.30** TNT Sports Cricket Reload
7.00 LIVE **Adobe Women's FA Cup** Coverage of a fourth-round tie of the tournament.
10.00 Original Documentary **11.00** Classic Premier League **1.00am** Adobe Women's FA Cup **2.00** Serie A **3.00** Hard Knocks: In Season with the NFC East **4.00** UEFA Champions League – Classics **5.30** TNT Sports Cricket Reload
5.45-7.45am LIVE **A-League Women** Melbourne City v Newcastle Jets (kick-off 5.50am).

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am Snooker Masters **8.00** Fishing: On the Bank **9.00** UEFA Champions League – Classics **11.30** Discovery Golf **12.00noon** Longines FEI Jumping World Cup. From Basel, Switzerland.
1.00 LIVE **Snooker Masters** The opening quarter-final on day six at Alexandra Palace in London, played over the best of 11 frames.
4.30 Ultimate Pool **6.00** UEFA Champions League – Classics **6.30** TNT Sports Reload
7.00 LIVE **Snooker Masters** Coverage of the second quarter-final on day six at Alexandra Palace in London, played over the best of 11 frames. Mark Allen was in fine form at this stage last year, prevailing 6-2 against three-time champion Mark Selby.
10.30 Hard Knocks: In Season with the NFC East. An inside look at the Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, Washington Commanders, and Philadelphia Eagles. **11.30** Isuzu UTE A-League
12.30am Isuzu UTE A-League **5.30-6.00am** UEFA Champions League – Classics

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Never the Twain **6.30** On the Buses **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Inspector Morse **11.15** Heartbeat **1.20pm** Foyle's War **3.30** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera **10.00** Foyle's War **11.50** Trial & Retribution **2.00-2.30am** Unwind with ITV

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am Football Rivalries **6.10** The Big Match Revisited **8.20** Magnum, PI **9.20** Kojak **10.30** Boon **11.35** The Professionals **12.35pm** Robin of Sherwood **1.50** Magnum, PI **2.50** Kojak **4.00** LIVE World Series of Darts. The Bahrain Masters. **8.00** Ice Road Truckers **9.00** Junk & Disorderly **10.00** FILM Kill Bill: Volume 1 (2003/18) ★★★★★ **12.15am** Berlin Station **1.15** Minder **2.15** Made in Britain **2.40** Unwind with ITV **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30-4.00am** Auto Mundial

5STAR Freeview 32

8.00am Amazing Cleans **10.00** Rich Kids Go Skint **11.00** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors **5.00** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **8.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. Paula arrives at the surgery with a worrying skin lesion on her leg. **9.00** A&E After Dark **10.00** Ambulance: Code Red **11.00** Skin A&E **12.00m't** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up **1.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **2.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **2.45** Skin A&E **3.35-4.00am** Car Pound Cops

REALLY Freeview 44

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Escape to the Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00noon** Antiques Road Trip **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **4.00** Long Lost Family **5.00** A Place in the Sun **6.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Ghost Adventures. A family say they have been driven from their home by a malicious entity. **10.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **2.00am** Teleshopping **4.00-6.00am** Salvage Hunters

5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Traffic Cops **10.00** Police Interceptors **11.55** FILM Johnny Guitar (1954/PG) ★★★★ **2.15pm** FILM Vengeance Valley (1951/PG) ★★★ **4.00** The Motorway **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **8.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **9.00** Mud Mountain Haulers. Craig and Taylor struggle to move the 65-ton winch. **10.00** Outback Truckers **11.00** Banged Up Abroad **12.00m't** World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera **1.00** Ice Road Truckers **2.00** Trucking Hell **3.55-4.00am** Entertainment News on 5

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

6.00am Darbar Festival 2024 **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** The Directors **12.00noon** Discovering: Kate Winslet **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** The Brontes by Anita Rani: Sisters of Disruption **3.00** Wordsworth & Coleridge Road Trip with Frank Skinner and Denise Mina **4.00** The Directors **5.00** Discovering **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Landscape Artist of the Year 2026 **8.00** Discovering: Alan Rickman **9.00** Agatha Christie's Pale Horse **11.25** The Directors **12.25am** The Ghost of Richard Harris **2.45** Voices of Ireland **4.00** Inside Art: Van Gogh at the Courtauld Gallery **4.30** Inside Art **5.00-6.00am** The Art of Architecture

Fear The Walking Dead
Sky Max, 12am
After the fall of the compound, Madison (Kim Dickens, left), Strand and co forge a tenuous path forward. Meanwhile, Nick is recruited for a perilous assignment.

U&GOLD

7.30am Ever Decreasing Circles **8.05** The Green Green Grass **8.45** Dad's Army **9.25** Are You Being Served? **10.00** Porridge **10.40** Keeping Up Appearances **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass **1.20** Ever Decreasing Circles **2.00** Dad's Army **2.40** Are You Being Served? **3.20** Porridge **4.00** Ever Decreasing Circles **4.40** Last of the Summer Wine **6.00** Keeping Up Appearances **6.40** Porridge **7.20** Dad's Army **8.00** Blackadder the Third **10.00** Men Behaving Badly **10.35** Blackadder the Third **12.30am** Men Behaving Badly **1.05** Blackadder the Third **3.00** Men Behaving Badly **3.25-4.00am** The Green Green Grass

U&YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Great British Railway Journeys **8.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **10.00** Rise of the Nazis: The Downfall **11.00** Secret Nazi Bases **12.00noon** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Rise of the Nazis: The Downfall **5.00** Secret Nazi Bases **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Great Canal Journeys **8.00** Bangers & Cash **9.00** Flipping Bangers **10.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **1.00am** Abandoned Engineering **2.00-3.00am** Rise of the Nazis: The Downfall

U&ALIBI

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Father Brown **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00noon** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Father Brown **7.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **8.00** Death in Paradise **9.00** Allegiance. Sabrina helps a troubled teen caught in a gang conflict. Last in series. **10.00** Annika **11.00** Father Brown **12.00m't** So Help Me Todd **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

SKY MAX

6.00am Hawaii Five-0 **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** SEAL Team **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.05** S.W.A.T **4.10** NCIS: Los Angeles **5.15** SEAL Team **6.15** Stargate SG-1 **8.15** Never Mind the Buzzcocks **9.00** Rob & Romesh vs Team GB: Winter Special **10.00** Evil **12.00m't** Fear the Walking Dead **1.00** Creature Commandos **1.50** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **2.55** S.W.A.T **4.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Fish Town **7.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** Boardwalk Empire **10.10** The Sopranos **12.20pm** Game of Thrones **2.30** The Wire **4.40** Westworld **5.45** Deadwood **6.50** Game of Thrones **9.00** House of the Dragon **11.30** Deadwood **12.35am** The Sopranos **2.45** Game of Thrones **5.05-6.00am** The Guest Wing

SKY WITNESS

6.00am UK Border Force **7.00** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Stop, Search, Seize **10.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **11.00** A1: Britain's Longest Road **12.00noon** FBI **1.00** The Rookie **2.00** Send in the Dogs **3.00** Stop, Search, Seize **4.00** Nothing to Declare **7.00** Police 24/7 **8.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **9.00** The Equalizer **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **11.00** The Rookie **12.00m't** FBI **1.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **2.00** Law & Order: Organized Crime **3.00** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK **4.00** Road Wars **5.00-6.00am** Send in the Dogs

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** Ballers **10.10** Sex and the City **11.20** Entourage **12.30pm** Will & Grace **1.30** Sex and the City **2.45** Ballers **4.00** And Just Like That **4.45** The Office (US) **5.45** Will & Grace **6.45** Community **7.45** Sex and the City **9.00** Maisie Adam: Appraisal **10.15** And Just Like That **11.00** Community **12.00m't** Entourage **1.10** Ballers **2.25** Curb Your Enthusiasm **3.40-5.00am** Silicon Valley

DISCOVERY

6.00am How Do They Do It? **7.00** Junkyard Empire **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Diesel Brothers **1.00pm** Deadliest Catch **3.00** How Do They Do It? **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers **9.00** Marooned with Ed Stafford. In Namibia's Erongo Mountains. **10.00** In the Eye of the Storm **11.00** Expedition Unknown **12.00m't** Deadliest Catch **1.00** Marooned with Ed Stafford **2.00** In the Eye of the Storm **3.00** Gold Divers **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Britain's Greatest Machines with Chris Barrie **9.00** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report **10.00** Seconds from Disaster **11.00** WW2: Hell Under the Sea **12.00noon** World War II: Secrets from Above **1.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand **4.00** America's Last Slave Ship: Drain the Oceans **5.00** Ice Road Rescue **6.00** Nazi Megastructures **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Toronto Airport Uncovered. Lightning interrupts vital maintenance on the airfield. **9.00** Car S.O.S **10.00** Top Guns: The Next Generation **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Alaska: The Next Generation **1.00** To Catch a Smuggler **2.30** Abandoned **3.20** Food Factory **4.10-5.00am** Prairie Dog Dynasty

Radio

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.58am Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James **10.30** Newsbeat **10.33** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt and Mollie **3.00** Radio 1 Pop Anthems with Matt and Mollie **3.30** Newsbeat **3.33** Going Home with Katie and Jerry **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Radio 1's Rave-Up with Arielle Free **10.00** BBC Introducing on Radio 1 Dance with Jaguar **11.00** Radio 1's Residency **1.00am** Danny Howard's Club Mix **2.00** Radio 1 Anthems **4.00** Radio 1's Workout Anthems **5.00-6.58am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Dean McCullough

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Scott Mills Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Tina Daheley **2.00** Trevor Nelson **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Country Show with Bob Harris **10.00** The Good Groove with DJ Spoony **12.00m't** OJ Borg **3.00** Alternative Sounds of the 90s with Dermot O'Leary **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Gottschalk **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: Five Kinds of Amadeus **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight. With guest Norman Willmore. **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

CHOICE
Radio 3 In Concert
Radio 3, 7.30pm
Ian Skelly presents a recorded concert by the Philadelphia Orchestra at their home in the Marian Anderson Hall at the Kimmel Center For The Performing Arts. The programme opens with Ukrainian composer Fyodor Akimenko's Nocturne, before cellist Yo-Yo Ma performs Dvorák's Cello Concerto.

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** In Our Time **9.45** Strong Message Here **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** This Cultural Life **11.45** Piccadilly **12.00noon** News **12.04** The Bottom Line **12.30** Sliced Bread **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Human Intelligence **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: Took Nothing Left Nothing **3.00** Ramblings **3.27** Radio 4 Appeal **3.30** Word of Mouth **4.00** Rethink **4.30** BBC Inside Science **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** What's the Story, Ashley Storrie? **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** When It Hits the Fan **8.15** The Media Show **9.00** Loose Ends **9.45** Strong Message Here **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: The Cyberiad **11.00** Radical with Amol Rajan **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00m't** News **12.30** Piccadilly **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.00** News Summary **5.04** Yesterday in Parliament **5.32** Weather **5.34** Shipping Forecast **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45-6.00am** Farming Today

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Adrian Chiles **2.00pm** Matt Chorley **4.00** 5 Live Drive **7.00** 5 Live Sport **7.30** 5 Live Sport **8.30** 5 Live Sport **10.00** Tony Livesey **1.00am** Laura McGhie **5.00-6.00am** Wake Up to Money

BBC RADIO WALES

FM: 94.6MHz 6.00am News **6.05** Wake Up **6.31** Country Focus **7.00** Breakfast **9.00** Bronwen Lewis **11.59** The Phone In **2.00pm** Behnaz Akhgar **5.00** Radio Wales Drive **6.30** Kiri's Comedy Club **7.00** Aleighcia Scott **10.00** Eleri Sion **12.00m't** Relax with Radio Wales **1.00-6.00am** As Radio 5 Live

CLASSIC FM

100-102MHz 6.30am Classic FM Breakfast with Dan Walker **9.00** The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour with Dan Walker **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Margherita Taylor **7.00** Relaxing Evenings **10.00** Calm Classics **1.00am** Bill Overton **4.00-6.30am** Early Breakfast

ABSOLUTE RADIO

DAB 6.00am Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Jay Lawrence **1.00-6.00am** Dan Noble

Movies

FILM4

11.00am How Green Was My Valley (1941/U) Oscar-winning drama, starring Walter Pidgeon and Maureen O'Hara. ★★★★
1.20pm Mary, Queen of Scots (1971/PG) Historical biopic, starring Vanessa Redgrave and Glenda Jackson. ★★★★
4.00 Anzio (1968/PG) Second World War drama, starring Robert Mitchum. ★★
6.25 A Knight's Tale (2001/PG) Medieval adventure, starring Heath Ledger. ★★★★
9.00 The Equalizer 2 (2018/15) Action thriller, starring Denzel Washington. ★★★★
11.20 The Straight Story (1999/U) David Lynch's drama, starring Richard Farnsworth and Sissy Spacek. ★★★★★
1.35-3.50am Lynch/Oz (2022/15) Documentary about David Lynch and the influence that 1939's The Wizard of Oz has had upon the late director's work. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.10am Smurfs (2025/PG) See 3.30pm. ★★★
7.50 A Minecraft Movie (2025/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Jason Momoa. ★★★★
9.35 The Phoenician Scheme (2025/15) See 3.00am. ★★★★
11.20 Borderline (2025/15) Dark comedy horror, starring Samara Weaving. ★★★
1.00pm Nuremberg (2025/15) See 8.00pm. ★★★★
3.30 Smurfs (2025/PG) Premiere. Fantasy comedy, with the voice of Rihanna. ★★★
5.10 Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning (2025/12) Action thriller, starring Tom Cruise and Hayley Atwell. ★★★★
8.00 Nuremberg (2025/15) A US Army psychiatrist is sent to assess high-ranking Nazi prisoners to decide if they are fit for trial. Thriller, starring Russell Crowe. ★★★★
10.30 Sinners (2025/15) Horror thriller, starring Michael B Jordan. ★★★★
12.50am Cookster: The Darkest Days (2024/15) Drama, starring Craige Middleburg and Nick Moran. ★★★
3.00 The Phoenician Scheme (2025/15) Comedy, starring Mia Threapleton. ★★★★
4.50-6.30am Safe House (2025/15) Thriller, starring Hannah John-Kamen. ★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

4.15pm About a Boy (2002/12) Comedy, with Hugh Grant and Toni Collette. ★★★★
6.05 Dear John (2010/12) Romantic drama, starring Channing Tatum. ★★★★
8.00 Darkest Hour (2017/PG) Period drama, starring Gary Oldman. ★★★★★
10.10 The Brutalist (2025/18) Drama, starring Adrien Brody and Felicity Jones. ★★★★
1.30am American Sniper (2014/15) Drama, starring Bradley Cooper. ★★★★
3.45 The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (2008/12) Drama, starring David Thewlis. ★★★★
5.25-7.15am The Bridges at Toko-Ri (1954/U) War drama, with William Holden. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.05pm IF (2024/U) Fantasy adventure, starring Ryan Reynolds and Cailey Fleming. ★★★★
6.00 E.T: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982/U) Sci-fi fantasy, starring Henry Thomas. ★★★★★
8.10 Look Who's Talking Now (1993/12) Comedy sequel, with John Travolta. ★★★
10.00 Daddy Day Care (2003/PG) Family comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. ★★★
11.45 Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser and Josh Hutcherson. ★★
1.30am IF (2024/U) See 4.05pm. ★★★★
3.30 Look Who's Talking Now (1993/12) See 8.10pm. ★★★
5.20-6.55am Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (2003/U) Adventure sequel, starring Daryl Sabara and Sylvester Stallone. ★★★

TALKING PICTURES TV

4.40pm What Every Woman Wants (1954/PG) Drama, starring William Sylvester. ★★★
6.25 The Adventures of William Tell
6.55 The Brothers Richard Easton stars.
8.00 Mark Saber Donald Gray stars.
8.30 Tell Me Another With Liza Goddard.
9.05 The Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club Featuring The Flirtations.
9.55 The Night of the Shooting Stars (1982/15) Drama, with Margarita Lozano. ★★★★
12.05am Cause Celebre (1987) Courtroom drama, starring Helen Mirren. ★★★
2.25 Richard's Things (1980/12) Drama, with Liv Ullmann and Amanda Redman. ★★★
4.25-5.00am Scotland Yard Police drama.

GREAT! MYSTERY

7.00pm Castle Wes Craven guest stars.
8.00 Unforgettable Poppy Montgomery stars.
9.00 An Emma Fielding Mystery – Past Malice (2018/PG) Mystery drama. ★★
10.55 Lost Letter Mysteries: Time to Start Livin' (2014/PG) Thriller, starring Eric Mabius and Kristin Booth. ★★
12.50am The Landlord (2017/PG) Thriller, with Molly McCook and Ted McGinley. ★★★
2.35 The Black Widow Killer (2018/15) Thriller, starring Erin Karpluk and Ryan Robbins. ★★
4.00-6.00am Sue Thomas: FBEye

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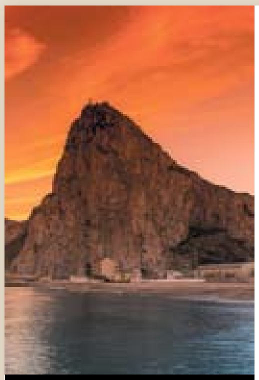

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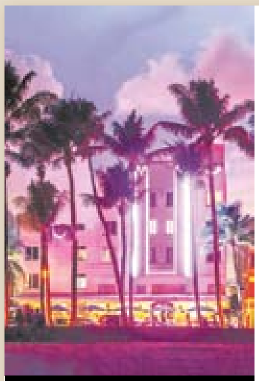

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Will President send in ICE to 'come out shooting'?

DONALD Trump warns the Iranian leadership that if they fire on protesters, the US will "come out shooting" ("US pressure on PM to ban Iran's killer squad", January 13). Does this mean he intends deploying ICE agents ("Mass protests grip US after mum's ICE killing", January 12)?

John Kennedy,
Hornchurch, Essex

Donald would soon get our country back on its feet

RE MIKE Kane's letter ("Put UK on list of countries to be run by United States", January 13), I couldn't think of anything better than Donald Trump invading our country. We've been run by self-serving morons for decades.

Trump would bring back freedom of speech, rid us of illegal migrants and more. I would welcome it, and the pathetic lefties who don't think our military is important would have a massive shock.

Bring it on, Donald.

Steve Collard,
Beckenham, Gtr London

Gaza's in enough trouble without Keir turning up

THERE can be little doubt that plans are being made for Keir Starmer's departure from Downing Street. However the suggestion by Donald Trump that there may be a position for him in the Gaza/Israel resolution is not appropriate ("Sir Keir 'will help govern Gaza' with US leader", January 14).

The growth of antisemitism in the UK during Starmer's watch has been appalling. There would be little co-operation from the Israeli Government if Starmer arrives in the area.

In any event, it is most likely that Starmer is preparing to feather his nest in the EU.

Gerald Norden,
Sandbach, Cheshire

'Air Miles' Starmer is a poor excuse for a leader

IT'S very clear "Not Here" Keir will do anything but manage this country's issues.

In putting together a Gaza Board of Peace, Donald Trump has stated: "You take the most important leaders and nations, that's who the board of peace is going to be."

Well very nice of you, Mr Trump, but our so-called leader hasn't an ounce of leadership in his body. And as for being part of this team, I'm sure he will earn himself a few air miles at the taxpayers' cost and contribute little.

Peter Rushton,
Chorley, Lancs

Another Labour U-turn as party goes round in circles

WELL here we go again with yet another Keir Starmer U-turn ("'Humiliating'... PM U-turns on digital ID cards", January 14).

With pubs, farms, income and NI taxes, day-one workers' rights, Waspi women, winter fuel, benefit reforms, grooming gangs and now ID cards. What next I wonder, trials by jury? But the U-turn that we're all praying for is the Prime Minister's resignation.

Roy Daniels,
Kingsclere, Hants

LETTER OF THE DAY

FURY: Iranians attend anti-government protest in Tehran

Trump set to pour fuel on Iran's flames

THE Iranian protesters are to be congratulated on their bravery but should be warned to be cautious about relying too much on the US President ("Trump tells Iranians: Keep on protesting... help is on its way", January 14).

President Trump has claimed to have stopped eight wars already, although many are doubtful about these claims. As is evident, even in just this region, solving wars by negotiation or attack is very difficult.

There is also the commitment he can make, apart from sending in troops to take over, as he is also involved in Venezuela, Ukraine and Israel but with little success. Much of his activity, including in the US, seems to be a means of distracting from the Epstein files.

Dennis Fitzgerald,
Melbourne, Australia

Digital IDs were scrapped because they won't work

OUTSIDE government, in the real world, people knew that mandatory digital IDs would not stop illegal working or illegal migration. That's why there's been a U-turn. It's as simple as that.

Mike Crump,
Bridgnorth, Salop

When will all the foreign aid start to flow into UK?

I GUESS before long we can expect foreign aid to start pouring into the UK, because at the rate we're going we are certainly going to need some serious help.

Patricia East,
Guildford, Surrey

Boot out terrorist, he is not this country's problem

I AM surprised by the Daily Express story about the al-Qaeda terrorist who cannot be deported because he is too dangerous and could not be monitored if he were to be returned to Algeria where he might be detained and tortured ("Terrorist cop killer deemed 'too risky' for deportation", January 14). Considering the crimes failed asylum seeker Kamel Bourgass has committed in this country, surely from a UK point of view he is better out of this country than in it.

Geoff Manning,
Lower Kingswood, Surrey

Limit cars' top speed to 70mph to save more lives

WHY is it that we develop vehicles that can travel at up to and above twice our 70mph legal speed limit? No vehicle should be capable of exceeding this as it only encourages some people to break the law.

Wouldn't this reduce accidents, serious injury and loss of life if this could be implemented?

Ken Woolley,
Coalville, Leics

Fray Bentos pies a taste of family holiday nostalgia

VANESSA Feltz is right, the mere mention of the word "pie" conjures up images of comfort food and takes you back to childhood days when a lovely hot meal of meat pie, mash and gravy would fill you up on a cold winter's day (January 14).

The thought of a pie also takes me back to summer holidays in the 1960s when our family would hire a caravan for a week in Cornwall – the caravan would have no running water or electricity and would be in a field with the toilet block in the next field.

It usually rained every day so we were stuck inside the caravan, playing cards most of the time, and eating Fray Bentos tinned meat pies, warmed up in the Calor Gas oven. I think the pie was the highlight of the holiday.

Lynne English,
Wickford, Essex

End of the worldie times at Man Utd with Carrick

MANCHESTER United are already looking beyond Michael Carrick for a world-class permanent boss, but who is that going to be ("Faith healer", January 14)?

Ruben Amorim, Erik ten Hag and David Moyes were all considered world-class when they went to Old Trafford and look what happened to them. So Carrick isn't considered world-class by the club, but United's problem appears to be higher up than the head coach.

Carrick is likely to do as well or as badly as any of the others, given he has to contend with a CEO, a director of football and owners.

Barrie Warren,
Bury, Lancs

DON'T MENTION THE VAR! FA CUP SHOWS GAME'S BETTER WITHOUT IT

I WATCHED a lot of FA Cup matches last weekend, some good, some not, and one I definitely did not enjoy, as Macclesfield knocked out Crystal Palace ("A toast to the FA Cup", January 12).

What has struck me is how the games have flowed, not intolerable delays to see if a boot was an inch offside like in the Premier League.

Yes, no VAR, and the games are so much better for it. The flag goes up for offside and the game restarts. For a few matches we've had the game back as it used to be and it was all the better for it.

Harry Miller,
Croydon, Gtr London

TODAY: Thursday January 15, 2026

ON THIS DAY

DAILY EXPRESS

REYNOLDS' LAST GAMBLE

Cabinet 'yes' for Mrs. Castle's strike plan

BELL'S

57 years ago (1969)

We revealed 10 or 12 explosions had "ripped through" the world's biggest nuclear-powered warship, the USS Enterprise.

The 85,300 ton vessel was on military exercises near the US naval base at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu when disaster struck, killing 28 members of her 4,500 crew and injuring a total of 314 others.

The Enterprise was on manoeuvres ahead of being sent to Vietnam.

73 years ago (1953)

East Germany's communist leaders began a purge of senior officials who were accused of plotting against the state and spying for the West.

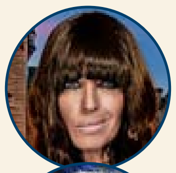
The arrests spread to trade unions, youth organisations and also women's and pensioners' groups following similar purges in other Eastern Bloc countries.

42 years ago (1984)

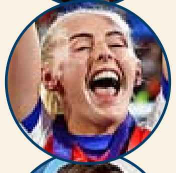
Labour left-winger Tony Benn won the nomination for the Chesterfield by-election, having lost in Bristol South at the 1983 general election.

He won the seat and continued to represent Chesterfield until he retired as an MP in 2001. He died on March 14, 2014.

BIRTHDAYS

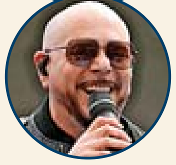


The Traitors host **Claudia Winkleman** is 54. Her mother is writer Eve Pollard.



Footballer **Chloe Kelly** is 28. Her penalty won Euro 2025 for the Lionesses.

Pretty Little Liars star **Chad Lowe** is 58. He's the brother of actor Rob Lowe.



Rapper **Pitbull** is 45. His full name is Armando Christian Pérez.

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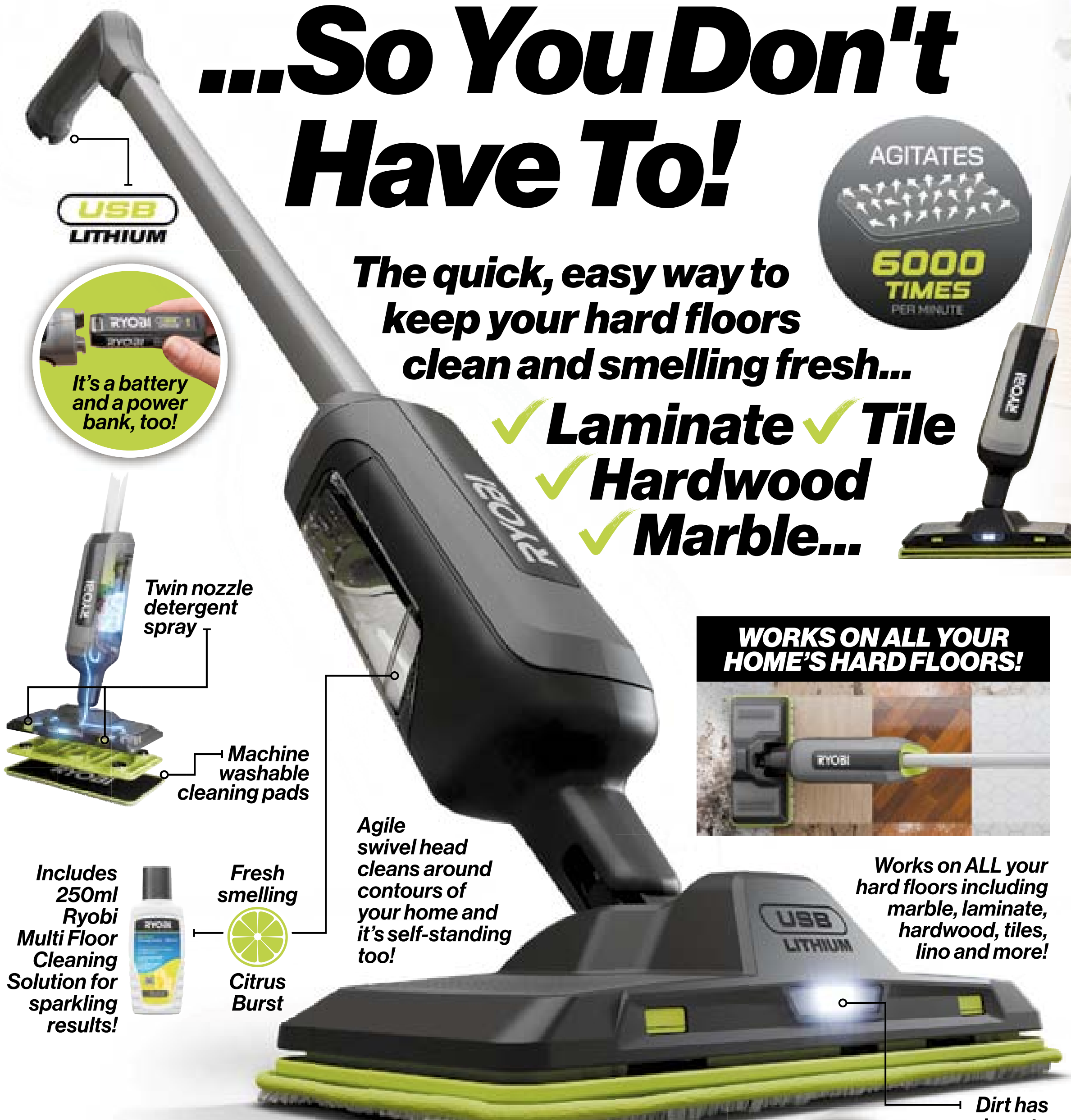
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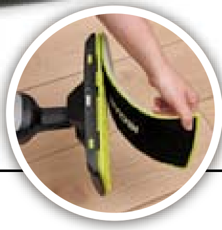
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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

After a little confusion, you will find you are the one able to resolve an issue that has caused some disagreement for a while. As the day progresses, tensions will ease. In this more harmonious atmosphere, you may discover new perspectives that inspire deeper connections. Things are improving and your spirits will lift with every hour that goes by.

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TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

If your job is starting to feel repetitive, it is unlikely you will stick with it for long. On the other hand, if your present commitments give you a chance to venture beyond your usual boundaries, you will appreciate this opportunity to escape for a while. Embrace the unknown, it may lead you to unexpected discoveries that rekindle your passion.

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GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

"Two's company" could be the theme of the day. If you succeed in tackling some issues that arose recently, the evening will allow you to enjoy peaceful hours of companionship. A warm atmosphere could envelop you, deepening connections and sparking laughter. If you are single but looking to change that soon, you could be in for an exciting surprise.

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CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 23

The day will start with you and a partner at odds as you struggle to come to a mutual decision regarding a financial matter. Something unexpected will arise that brings a completely new perspective to the situation. Trust that this twist is a sign of change, it may lead to deeper understanding. By this evening, an agreement made will suit you both.

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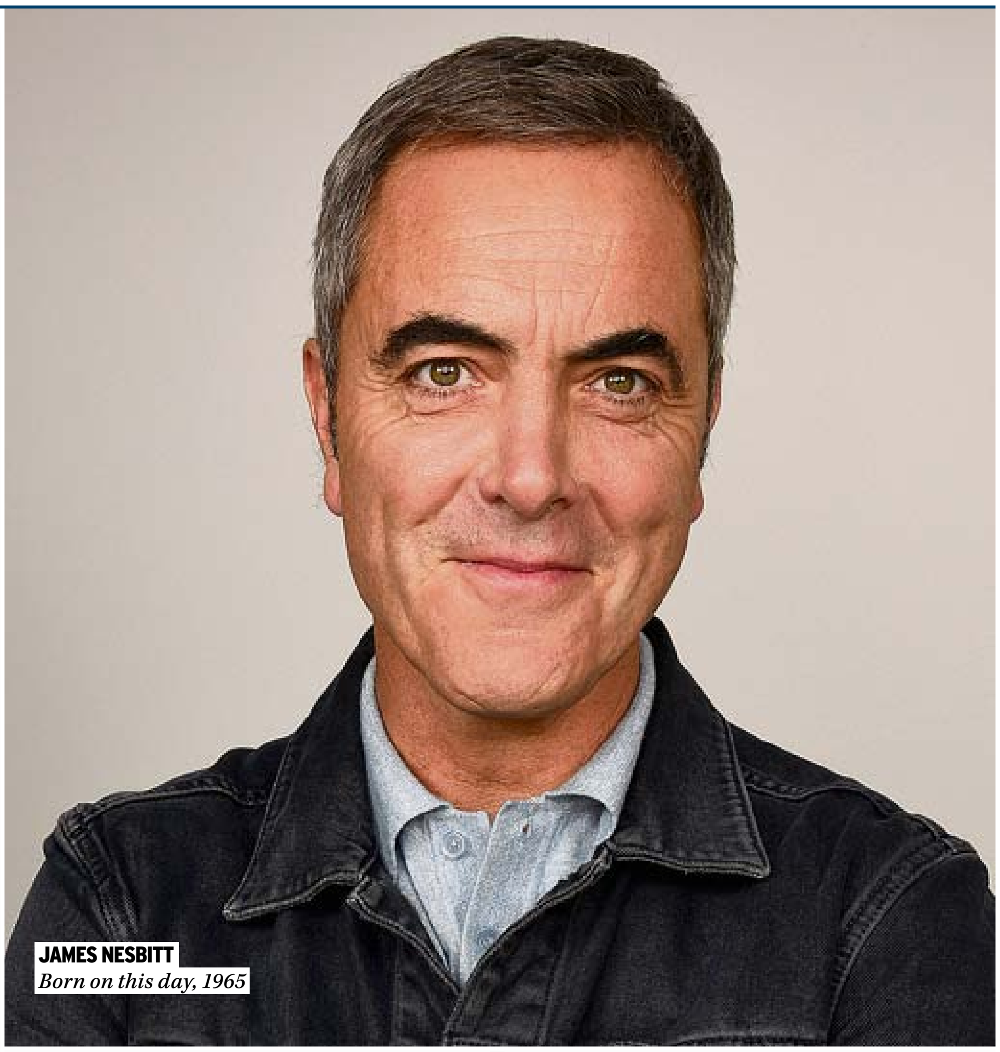

JAMES NESBITT
Born on this day, 1965

LEO JULY 24-AUG 23

A touch of charm can go a long way. You must have noticed how keen those around you are to try out your ideas. The moment you suggest new plans, there are voices of agreement all around. Embrace this harmonious energy and let it elevate your aspirations, as together, you can create something truly remarkable.

For more call **0905 789 4175**

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VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 23

Not everything will be as it first appears. There is a sense of confusion around and you will struggle to shake off a feeling that something is wrong. Before going any further, you may have to talk with someone to check everything is in order. Trusting your instincts is crucial, as they may guide you toward a clearer perspective you haven't yet considered.

For more call **0905 789 4176**

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LIBRA SEPT 24-OCT 23

Even though someone at home is going through a difficult time, you actually understand the reason for their problems. Because of this you have a good idea on how some recent conflict can be resolved. Housemates know they can rely on you for your help and you don't intend to let them down. Your empathy shines through.

For more call **0905 789 4177**

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SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

Your mind is working in amazing ways, even though not all of your thoughts are practical. You would prefer to let your dreams take over and ignore some tedious commitments that require your attention. Given your current energy levels, it might be best to enjoy the world of your imagination while you have the chance.

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SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

A friend's expectations will limit your sense of freedom. Demands are coming your way from all directions. You're making an extra effort to keep your boss happy and you aren't going to get much time to do as you please. Your hope is they will appreciate your help. Finding small pockets of time for yourself can rejuvenate your spirit amidst the chaos.

For more call **0905 789 4179**

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CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

It's worth reflecting on your usual work habits. If these aren't getting the same kind of results as your colleagues, start looking for ways to improve your performance. It seems pointless continuing with methods that are no longer working. Be open to experimenting with new ideas. Embrace the possibility that change could bring inspiration and success.

For more call **0905 789 4180**

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AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 19

You're going through an erratic phase and it makes it hard for anyone to determine where this might take you. In a professional setting, you need to be attending to your more serious responsibilities. There is an implication that you will get restless when things don't go your way. Embrace unpredictability, it may lead to unexpected opportunities.

For more call **0905 789 4181**

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PISCES FEB 20-MARCH 20

News by text or email will cause you a moment's hesitation. This is something you did not expect to hear today. Once you've had time to process your surprise, it will feel comforting to realise a stroke of good luck is going to make a big difference to your future. Embrace the possibilities that unfold, they might illuminate paths you hadn't considered.

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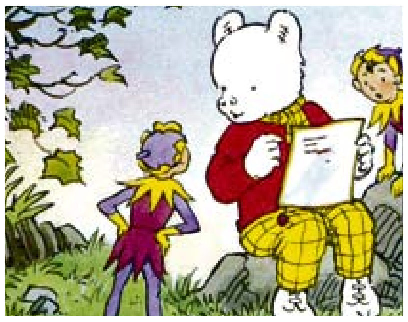
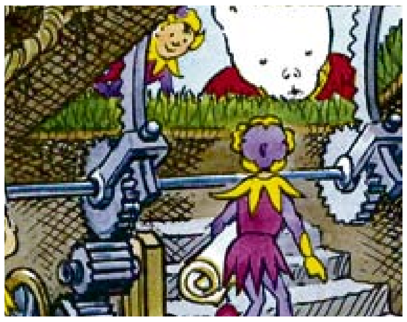
RUPERT AND THE PENGUINS No.12



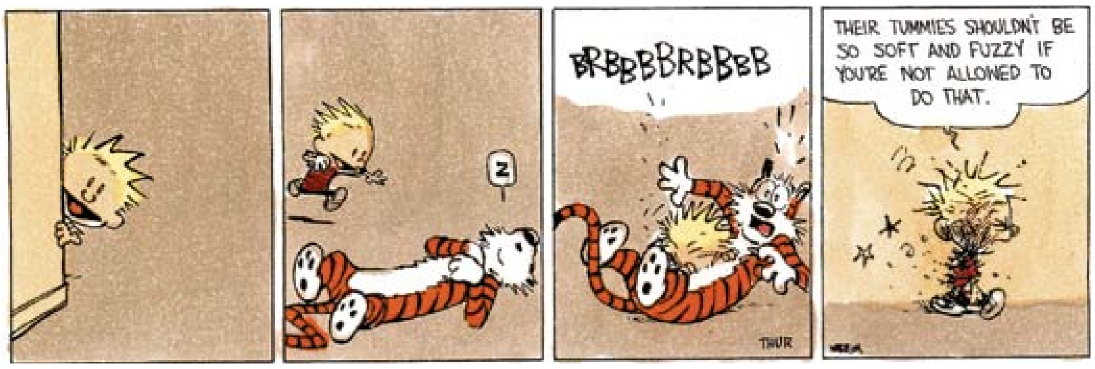
"Our King's too busy! Don't be dim!
Your Penguin King must visit him!"

At length the doubtful Imp agrees
To ask the King. "Just wait here, please."



Several Imps gather while Rupert starts to explain how the King Penguin insists on being visited by three more royal names. "So I thought perhaps your King might visit him." "What!" interrupts the first Imp. "That won't do at all. It's King Penguin's place to call on our King!" "Oh, even so, please do ask him," Rupert pleads. "Well," the Imp replies, "at least I can show him the scroll. But I can't promise that he will agree. Wait here. I shan't be long."

CALVIN AND HOBBES
BILL WATTERSON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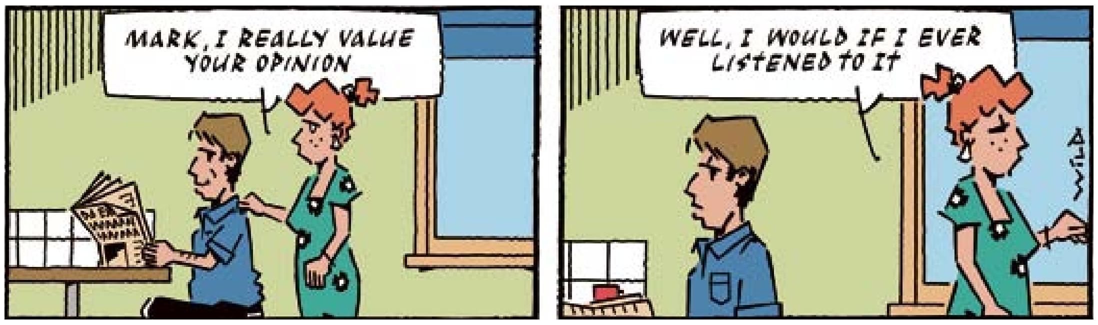
THEIR TUMMIES SHOULDN'T BE SO SOFT AND FUZZY IF YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DO THAT.

FAITH, HOPE AND SUE
LISA WILD


MARK, I REALLY VALUE YOUR OPINION
WELL, I WOULD IF I EVER LISTENED TO IT
WILD

16 TGI Fridays shut as it falls into administration

By **Henry Saker-Clark**

RESTAURANT chain TGI Fridays has shut 16 restaurants with the loss of 456 jobs after tumbling into administration.

However, the brand said it would keep most of its sites open after securing a rescue deal.

Liberty Bar and Restaurant Group, the company running TGI Fridays' UK restaurants, hired administrators from Interpath Advisory on Tuesday.

They immediately sold the business and its assets to a subsidiary company of Sugarloaf, the firm behind the global TGI Fridays brand.

Sugarloaf had two months earlier bought the UK business from private equity firm Calveton UK and Breal Capital. Administrators confirmed the pre-pack administration deal would safeguard 33 restaurants and transfer 1,384 staff to the new operation.

However, 16 TGI Fridays sites were not included and immediately shut for good.

The company confirmed the move resulted in 456 redundancies for workers across the restaurants.

Phil Broad, global president of TGI Fridays, said: "We have been working closely to explore all available options for securing the long-term future of TGI Fridays in the UK and believe that this is the best outcome for the business, preserves jobs, and offers a strong platform for success and growth.

"TGI Fridays has a long history in the UK, and I believe that the future of the brand is in strong hands – focused on reinvigorating the brand while continuing to deliver the bold flavours, welcoming atmosphere and high-energy dining experience that define TGI Fridays."

33 restaurants will remain open

Ryan Grant, MD at Interpath and joint administrator, said: "We are pleased to have been able to secure this transaction which will see this well-known brand continue to trade across the UK. While these have been difficult times for hospitality operators generally, this marks a pivotal step in TGI Fridays' wider turnaround plan, putting in place stable foundations upon which it can begin to move forward."

The closed restaurants are: Ashton-Under-Lyne, Doncaster, Staines, Stevenage, Walsall, Bournemouth, Telford, Reading, Coventry, Edinburgh, Crawley, Aberdeen Beach, Nottingham, Sheffield, Stratford and Braintree.

NEW TWIST IN NETFLIX DEAL DRAMA

Giant streams Stranger Things

NETFLIX is reportedly readying an all-cash offer to secure its long-awaited $83bn takeover of Warner Bros, in a move that may finally kill off a hostile bid from Paramount Skydance.

The Stranger Things streamer had initially promised Warner shareholders a mix of cash and Netflix shares but those shares have since nosedived 12%, dragging the offer down with it.

Netflix is hoping the rethink will triumph over David Ellison's Paramount, which had made an all-cash offer. The Warner board has rejected Ellison's bid as it would load the firm up with debt.

On Monday, Paramount launched a lawsuit in Delaware seeking to force Warner Bros to disclose all details of the Netflix agreement, and announced plans for a proxy fight to replace WB directors with a team likely to back the Ellison bid.

Coke pours cold water on Costa sell-off after tepid offers

Coffee chain is in trouble

COCA-COLA has reportedly put plans to sell the world's second-largest coffee chain on hold, after offers from private equity firms came up short.

The lengthy auction process ended in December, according to the Financial Times. Sources said private equity firms in the latter round of negotiations included Asda owner TDR Capital and Bain Capital Special Situations, owner of bakers Gail's and Pizza Express.

Coca-Cola had been seeking roughly £2bn for Costa, nearly half of the £3.9bn it paid to acquire the chain from Premier Inn owner Whitbread in 2018.

Under Coke, Costa has battled upmarket independent outlets and cheaper chains such as Greggs. Its operating loss more than doubled to £13.5m on revenues of £1.2bn in 2024, with the firm blaming its cheaper rivals and low footfall. Coffee shops have also been dealing with higher bean prices and staffing costs.

Pawn shops cash in on UK gold rush

REVENUE at pawnbroker Ramsdens has hit a new high as people take advantage of soaring gold prices.

The London-listed business, with over 160 stores across the UK, posted a 22% jump in turnover to £117m in the year to September 30.

More than half of its profit came from its precious metals segment.

CEO Peter Kenyon said: "We have a lot of customers who come to the counter who say, 'Can I sell my gold because I think it's a great time to sell' but we also get customers say 'Gold's only going one way, can I buy some gold?'. So people's views are a bit mixed."

Ramsdens plans to expand this year, with six more stores opening.

The value of gold has rocketed in recent months, with the spot price per ounce passing £3,400, up 74% over the past year.

AT A GLANCE

STOCK MARKET

FTSE 100	10184.4	▲	+47.0
FTSE 250	22957.3	▲	+25.3
FTSE ALL SHARE	5484.0	▲	+23.0
Shares Traded	9542.4 million		

POPULAR SHARES ON THE RISE

AstraZeneca	14346	+338
Aviva	672½	+2¾
Barclays	479¾	+2½
BP	443½	+6½
BT Group	183¾	+3¼
GSK	1880½	+22½
Haleon	366	+3¾
HSBC Holdings	1213	+¼
Marks & Spencer Group	355½	+9½
National Grid	1167	+13½
NatWest Group	630	+1¼
Sainsbury (J)	311	+2¼
Shell	2739	+17
Tesco	421¼	+1¼
Unilever	4831½	+57
Vodafone Group	99¾	+1¼
Whitbread	2793	+26

POPULAR SHARES ON THE SLIDE

Abrdn	209½	-½
BAE Systems	2038	-34
Centrica	176½	-1½
Convatec Group	235½	-½
Int Consolidated Airlines	404¼	-3¼
Lloyds Banking Group	101	-¼
Rolls-Royce Holdings	1275	-30
Saga	420	-8½

WORLD MARKETS

WALL STREET	49149.6	▼	-42.3
TOKYO	54341.2	▲	+792.1
HONG KONG	26999.8	▲	+151.3
GERMANY	25286.2	▼	-134.4
FRANCE	8331.0	▼	-16.2

STERLING VALUE

Dollar	1.343	▲	+0.001
Yen	212.656	▼	-0.942
Euro	1.153	▶	0.000

DOLLAR VALUE

Dollar/Yen	158.297	▼	-0.8487
Dollar/Euro	0.859	▼	-0.0005

COMMODITIES

GOLD($)	▲	4617.94
KRUGERRAND(£)	▲	3432.63
SILVER(pence)	▲	6819.30
BRENT CRUDE($)	▲	65.94

OTHER INDICATORS

Base rate	3.75%
Halifax mortgage rate	5.95%
Retail Price Index	+3.8% (CPI +3.2%)
House price Index	+1.7%
Unemployment	1,832,000

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Australia	1.96 dollar
Canada	1.82 dollar
China	8.79 renminbi
Czech Rep.	26.26 koruna
Denmark	8.19 krone
Eurozone	1.13 euro
Hong Kong	9.85 dollar
Hungary	417.90 forint
Israel	3.97 shekel
Japan	205.36 yen
Jordan	0.89 dinar
Mexico	22.65 peso
New Zealand	2.27 dollar
Norway	13.08 krone
Poland	4.62 zloty
Saudi Arabia	4.80 riyal
South Africa	21.08 rand
Sweden	11.78 krona
Switzerland	1.05 franc
Thailand	40.58 baht
Turkey	53.88 lira
United States	1.32 dollar

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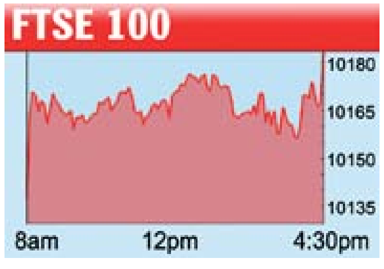
			52 WEEK	
COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	HIGH	LOW
3i Group	3035	-28	4459	2999
A.B. Foods	1867	+29	2337	1827
Admiral Group	†			
Airtel Africa	355¼	-2½	372¾	120¼
Alliance Trust	1286	-4	1324	1050
Anglo American	3274	+54	3274	2003¾
Antofagasta	3576	+44	3594	1383
Ashtead Group	5270#	-114	5594	3659
AstraZeneca	14346	+338	14398	9667
Auto Trader	574¼#	+¾	908½	568½
Aviva	672½	+2¾	692½	468¾
Babcock International	1475#	-27	1527	485¾
BAE Systems	2038	-34	2093	1180½
Barclays	479¾	+2½	488½	241¾
Barratt Development	369	-9	482¼	350
Beazley Group	821	+2½	973	769
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	3874	-108	4324	3462
BP	443½	+6½	476¼	331¾
British Amer.Tob	4240#	+35	4421	2905
British Land	399½#	+2¼	420½	321¼
BT Group	183¾#	+3¼	222¾	138½
Bunzl	2078	+28	3452	2032
Burberry Group	1330½	+19	1371½	627¾
Centrica	176½	-1½	181½	132¼
Coca-Cola HBC	3904	+58	4034	2708
Compass Group	2321	+7	2843	2304
Convatec Group	235½	-½	295½	221¼
CRH	9200	-204	9704	6142
Croda International	2758	+43	3383	2465
DCC	4446	+78	5600	4344
Diageo	1691½	+27½	2503½	1577
Diploma	5555	-45	5760	3624
EasyJet	482	-7½	587¾	427½
Entain	713¾	-12¼	1022	501¼
Experian Group	3325#	-12	4088	3091
F&C Inv Tst	1255#	-6	1268	962
Flutter Entert.	15080	+95	23630	14670
Fresnillo	3766	-16	3928	655
Games Workshop	18680#	+30	19840	12410
GlaxoSmithKline	1880½	+22½	1901½	1264
Glencore	484¼	+14	487½	230
Haleon	366	+3¾	415¼	326½
Halma	3614#	-20	3682	2360
Hikma	1567	+29	2340	1507
Hiscox	1388		1429	1035
HSBC Holdings	1213	+¼	1221¼	713¼
IMI	2618	-4	2638	1606
Imperial Brands	3024	+15	3312	2580
Informa	889½	-4½	993½	640¼
InterContinental Htl	10079¾	-3470¼	10325½	5526¾
Intermediate Cap.Grp	1973	-53	2450	1569
Intertek Group	4612	+14	5385	4064
Intl Consolidated Airlines	404¼	-3¼	437	224½
JD Sports	83¼	-1½	104½	63¼
Kingfisher	317¼	+4½	329¾	229½
Land Securities	628	+½	650	499½
Legal & General	263½	+2½	267	215¼
Lloyds Banking Grp	101	-¼	102¾	53½
London & Stamford Prop	195½	-½	204½	170½
London Stock Ex	9000	+26	12095	8138
M&G	293½		297¼	172¾
Marks & Spencer	355½	+9½	411¼	318½
Melrose	633½	-12¼	680	386
Mondi	907¾	+15½	1326	819
National Grid	1167	+13½	1192½	910¾
NatWest Group	630	+1¼	665½	386
Next	14050	-135	14580	9028
Pearson	972¾	-102¾	1379	972¾
Pershing Square Hold	4766	-84	5090	3244
Persimmon	1351½	-26½	1414½	1037½
Phoenix Group	736½	+½	746	480½
Prudential	1180	+12	1195½	603¼
Reckitt Benckiser	6184	-6	6228	4633
RELX	3091	-33	4135	2972
Rentokil Initial	463¾	+5	473½	309½
Rightmove	511¾	-3½	823¾	504½
Rio Tinto	6355	+141	6359	4117
Rolls-Royce Group	1275	-30	1306½	563½
Sage Group	1054#	-55½	1348	1047
Sainsbury (J)	311	+2¼	355¾	228¾
Schroders	417½	+4½	428¼	289¼
Scottish Mortgage	1195½	-16½	1217½	815¼
SEGRO	734¾	+4¾	743½	599
Severn Trent	2779	+31	2907	2338
Shell	2739	+17	2931½	2291½
Smith & Nephew	1214½	+11½	1435	937¾
Smiths Group	2460	+10	2550	1687
Smurfit Kappa	3191	+41	4495	2558
Spirax-Sarco	7060	+45	8190	5445
SSE	2295#	+45	2317	1463½
St James's Place	1469½	+25	1473	791
Standard Chartered	1836½	+4½	1855½	878¾
Tesco	421¼	+1¼	475½	314½
Unilever	4831½	+57	6177½	4631
United Utilities	1198½#	+6½	1242	937½
Vodafone Group	99¾#	+1¼	103¾	64
Weir Group	3044	+14	3078	1984
Whitbread	2793	+26	3274	2335



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SHARES AT A GLANCE

Aerospace & Defence

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Avon Rubber	1972	-14	2180	1338
Babcock International	1475#	-27	1527	485¾
BAE Systems	2038	-34	2093	1180½
Chemring Group	545	-4	593	297½
QinetiQ Group	511½#	+9	572	361
Rolls-Royce Group	1275	-30	1306½	563½
Senior	225½	-4	232½	115¾

Alternative Energy

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Porvair	878	+4	896	626

Banks

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Barclays	479¾	+2½	488½	241¾
Bco Santander	892	-8	918	392½
Close Brothers	503½	+17½	550½	208
HSBC Holdings	1213	+¼	1221¼	713¼
Investec	582½	+2	596	414
Lloyds Banking Grp	101	-¼	102¾	53½
Metro Bank	129½	+5¼	133½	81
NatWest Group	630	+1¼	665½	386
Paragon Group	884½	+5½	970	686½
Standard Chartered	1836½	+4½	1855½	878¾

Beverages

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Barr (AG)	628	+14	711	558
Coca-Cola HBC	3904	+58	4034	2708
Diageo	1691½	+27½	2503½	1577

Chemicals

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Carclo	58		80	21
Croda International	2758	+43	3383	2465
Elementis	167	-1	176½	115
Johnson Matthey	2362#	+12	2382	1156
Synthomer	63	+½	158¼	46
Treatt	218	+3	450	186½
Victrex	698	+10	1066	589

Construction & Materials

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Balfour Beatty	711½		727	390½
Costain Group	160	-½	168	86
CRH	9200	-204	9704	6142
Dialight	347	+2	364	89
Galliford Try	526	-3	546	321
Gleeson (MJ)	409	-9	538	320
Keller Group	1684	+18	1714	1240
Kier Group	217		231½	115¼
Marshalls	176	-¼	293	162
Morgan Sindall	4810	-30	4975	2945
Severfield-Rowen	28½	-¼	52¼	19
Smart (J) & Co.	132½#		132½	110

Electricity

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Drax Group	899½	+22½	899½	536½
SSE	2295#	+45	2317	1463½
Telecom Plus	1382	+22	2085	1340

Electronic & Electrical Equipment

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Acal	595#	+1	738	486
Halma	3614#	-20	3682	2360
Oxford Instruments	2205	+5	2225	1500
Renishaw	3645	+10	3725	2145
TT Electronics	111½	+1	154	73
XP Power	901	-14	1314	621

Equity Investment Instruments

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Aberdeen Asian Sml	379		381	256
Aberforth Smll.Co.	1602	-4	1610	1212
Acorn Income.				
Albion Tech.& Gen. VCT	66		71	65½
Alliance Trust	1286	-4	1324	1050
Aurora Inv.Tst.	274	-2	279	212½
AVI Global Tst	258½	+½	266½	202
Baillie Gifford Japan	923	+2	951	657
Baillie Gifford Shin Nip	134¾	+1½	136½	95½
Bankers Inv.Tst	134½	-½	135¾	101
Baronsmead VCT.2	48½		52	46½
BH Macro GBP	403½	+3½	414	371½
Biotech Growth Trust	1265	+25	1285	620
BlackRock Mining	946	+7	960	406½
Bluehone AiM VCT2	28¼#		31	28¼
British Assets Tst	27¾		49¼	26¼
Brunner Inv.Tst.	1476	-12	1508	1140
Caledonia Inv.	382½		391½	334½
City Natural Res.Yld	389	+3	395	165¾
City Of London	542	+2	544	411½
Dunedin Ent.IT.				
Dunedin Income	308	-2	311	262
Edin Wwide Inv	224	-1½	231	143
Edin.Inv.Tst.	828	+1	839	680
Edin.US Tracker	381½#	-2	386	289½
Elderstreet VCT	38¾		41	36¾
F&C Cap&Inc.	347	-2	351	287
F&C Inv Tst	1255#	-6	1268	962
F&C Smaller Cos	181¼#	-½	182	136½
F&C US Smaller Companies	1407½	-2½	1522½	1115
Fidelity Asian	610		628	454
Fidelity European	430½		433½	338½
Fidelity Special	426	+2	427	295½
Finsbury Gwth&In	831	-4	962	795
Foresight Tech.VCT	65½		75½	62
Genesis E.M.F.	1122	+8	1124	632
Graphite Ent	1526	-2	1600	1070
Hansa Tst 'A'	271	+3	272	190
Hansa Tst Plc	273	+3	278	192½
Henderson Far Est	247	+½	253½	190½
Henderson High Inc	193#		194½	151
Herald Inv.Tst.	2590	+5	2640	1738
HGCapital Tst.	506	+1	538	448
HSBC Infrastructure	119	+1½	125¼	106
Impax Env.Mkt	401	-2	416½	310½
Int.Biotech.Tst.	968#	+14	996	480
International Public	129	+1½	129	107¾
Invesco Asia	440#		447	300
Invesco Perp UK	379	+3	386	313½
JPM American	1114	-10	1186	869
JPM Asian	481	+2½	483	331½
JPM Claverhouse	886	+10	886	660
JPM Emerg Mkt	144¼	+¼	145	95
JPM Euro Sml Co.	613#		615	444½
JPM Global Emerging	177#	+1	179	118½
JPM Indian	993	-5	1106	904
JPM Japanese	744#	+11	747	493
JPM Overseas IT	582	-2	610	480
JPM Smaller Co	330½	-½	338	253
JPM US Sml Co.	418		516	338
Jupiter Euro.	931	-4	959	757
JZ Capital Partners	187	-2	220	166¼
Law Debenture	1106#	+4	1108	788
Lowland Invest Co	164½#	+1	164½	114½
Majedie Inv.	276		280	230
Manchester&Lon.	801	-3	944	512
Martin Currie Prtflo Tst	358#	-1	386	295
Maven Income And Growth VCT	33½#		38	33½
Mercantile Inv Tst	261½#	-½	263½	202½
Merchants Tst	609	+2	611	474
Mid Wynd Int.	784		836	664
Monks Inv.Tst.	1538	-8	1556	1036
Montanaro Euro Tst	168½	-½	183½	138
Montanaro Uk	104½	+1	106½	87¾
Murray Inc.Tst.	927	-1	938	754
Murray Int.Tst	330#	-½	335	239
New India	756	-6	832	686
New Star Inv.Tst.	127½	-½	129	100
North Atl.Smlr.Tst				
Northern 2 VCT	53½#		57	52½
Northern Venture	56½#		58½	55½
Oxford Tech 2 VCT	6½		7	5½
Pacific Assets	374	+1	378	302
Pacific Horizon	846	-2	849¼	507
Pantheon Int.	383	-1	384½	266
Pershing Square Hold	4766	-84	5090	3244
Polar Cap.Tech	481½	-3½	487¾	255½
RCM Technology Trust	537	-11	549	307
RIT Capital Partners	2235	+15	2275	1722
Ruffer Investment	299	+1½	304	267½
Schroder Asia	693#	+1	698	461½
Schroder Inc.	351#	+1	354	255
Schroder Japan	329#		334	209
Schroder UK	208		209	158½
Schroder UK M&S	724		728	520
Scottish American	519	-1	525	454½
Scottish Mortgage	1195½	-16½	1217½	815¼
Shires Inc.	305½#	-3½	316½	222
Small Comp Div.Tst	138½	-1½	155	124
Standard Life Equity	406#		411	288½
Standard Life UK Sml	513	-2	531	426
Temple Bar	380	-1	386½	258
Templeton Emrg.	251½#	+1½	251½	151¾
The European Inv.Tst	110½#	+½	111¼	84
Throgmorton Tst.	632	-2	637	469
TR Euro.Growth	223	-1	225	163
TR Prop. IT	327	-½	338½	277½
Witan Pacific	317		322	218
Wwide Healthcare	380	-½	397	265½

Financial Services

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
3i Group	3035	-28	4459	2999
3i Infrastructure	382½	+3	383	301
Abrdn	209½	-½	213½	123¾
Ashmore Group	182½	-6	193	125
Guinness Peat Group	83¼	+¾	96	68¼
IG Group	1304	-1	1342	913
Intermediate Cap.Grp.	1973	-53	2450	1569
International Pers Fin	236		237	121½
IP Group	57	-½	65	34¾
Jupiter Fund Man.	176½	+6½	176½	68
Liontrust Asset Man	253	+6½	458	231½
London Stock Ex.	9000	+26	12095	8138
M&G	293½		297¼	172¾
Man Group	261¼	+4	261¼	154¾
Provident Financial	115½	+2½	128½	45
Rathbone Brothers	2000		2045	1406
S & U	2260	+10	2290	1330
Schroders	417½	+4½	428¼	289¼
St James's Place	1469½	+25	1473	791
Tullett Prebon	250½	+2	311½	228
Walker Crips Group	13¼	+¼	15¾	7½

Fixed Line Telecommunications

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Airtel Africa	355¼	-2½	372¾	120¼
BT Group	183¾#	+3¼	222¾	138½

Food & Drug Retailers

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Greggs	1631	+3	2234	1418
Marks & Spencer	355½	+9½	411¼	318½
Ocado	279	-9¾	395½	172¼
Sainsbury (J)	311	+2¼	355¾	228¾
Tesco	421¼	+1¼	475½	314½

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Food Producers

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
A.B. Foods	1867	+29	2337	1827
Anglo-Eastern	1400	+30	1430	612
Carr's Milling	140	+4	157	112½
Cranswick	4925#	+15	5490	4625
Glanbia	1296¼	+4¼	1369¾	789
Greencore Group	260#	+½	278½	169¼
Kerry Grp 'A' Shs	6606½	+86¾	8756¾	6173
Premier Foods	169¼	+1¼	214½	167
REA Holdings	131½		133	61½
Tate & Lyle	370¾	-2¼	661	358

Gas, Water & Multiutilities

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Centrica	176½	-1½	181½	132¼
National Grid	1167	+13½	1192½	910¾
Pennon Group	532½	+8	552	387½
Severn Trent	2779	+31	2907	2338
United Utilities	1198½#	+6½	1242	937½

General Industrials

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Bunzl	2078	+28	3452	2032
Goodwin	23200	+300	23500	6180
Melrose	633½	-12¼	680	386
Mondi	907¾	+15½	1326	819
Smiths Group	2460	+10	2550	1687
Smurfit Kappa	3191	+41	4495	2558

General Retailers

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
ASOS	289½	+1½	436½	218½
Auto Trader	574¼#	+¾	908½	568½
B&M Europ Value Ret	167	+2	344½	155¼
Caffyns	425		500	415
Dixons Carphone	126¼#	+1¼	146	82
Dunelm	1170	+5	1232	858½
Frasers Group	679½	-7½	770	546
Halfords Group	144½#	+1¾	174½	116¼
Headlam Group	44¾		142	44½
Howden Joinery	845½	+11½	914½	679½
Inchcape	796	+11	808	638
JD Sports	83¼	-1½	104½	63¼
Kingfisher	317¼	+4½	329¾	229½
Next	14050	-135	14580	9028
Pets At Home	197	+1½	273¼	192¾
RM Group	114	+2	118	82
Topps Tiles	45#	-1¼	50	29
WH Smith	624	+8½	1307	611¼

Health Care Equipment & Services

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Convatec Group	235½	-½	295½	221¼
Flying Brands	+¾		2	+½
Smith & Nephew	1214½	+11½	1435	937¾

Household Goods & Home Construction

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Barratt Development	369	-9	482¼	350
Bellway	2658#	-76	2982	2166
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	3874	-108	4324	3462
Bovis Homes	621½	-61¾	701	510¾
Mcbride	146¾	+6	159	101½
Persimmon	1351½	-26½	1414½	1037½
Reckitt Benckiser	6184	-6	6228	4633
Taylor Wimpey	104	-3¾	123¼	93

Industrial Engineering

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Bodycote	747½	+7½	748	460½
Hill & Smith	2285		2310	1530
IMI	2618	-4	2638	1606
Morgan Crucible	230½	+2	274	177½
Northgate	377½	+3½	395	273½
Rotork	333½	-1½	352	275¾
Spirax-Sarco	7060	+45	8190	5445
Vesuvius	419¼	+4½	425½	313¾
Weir Group	3044	+14	3078	1984
Xaar	110	+8	145	59

Industrial Metals & Mining

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Castings	272½	-3½	319	234
Evraz				
Ferrexpo	69½		110¾	44¼

Industrial Transportation

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Braemar Shipping Serv	222	-3	278	201
Clarkson	4190	+40	4505	2995
FirstGroup	185½	-¾	233	146½
Fisher (J) & Sons	388	+13	403	285

Leisure Goods

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Games Workshop	18680#	+30	19840	12410
Photo-Me Intl.	132	-10½	230	130¼

Life Insurance

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Aviva	672½	+2¾	692½	468¾
Chesnara	302		304	212¾
Legal & General	263½	+2½	267	215¼
Phoenix Group	736½	+½	746	480½
Prudential	1180	+12	1195½	603¼

Media

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
4imprint Group	4345	+90	6030	3035
Bloomsbury Publish.	494½	+9½	672	468
Future	520	-4	1029	505½
Informa	889½	-4½	993½	640¼
ITV	79½	-1¼	87¾	66¼
Pearson	972¾	-102¾	1379	972¾
Reach	55½	-½	88¼	53
STV Group	114	-5	203	103
Wilmington Group	294	-1	387	289
WPP Group	327½	+6¼	787¾	269

Mining

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Anglo American	3274	+54	3274	2003¾
Anglo Pacific	128½#	-½	131	50
Antofagasta	3576	+44	3594	1383
BHP Billiton	2440	+47	2440	1609½
Endeavour Mining	4152	+44	4286	1487
Fresnillo	3766	-16	3928	655
Gem Diamonds	3		12	2¾
Glencore	484¼	+14	487½	230
Hochschild Mining	581½	+11	585	168
Kenmare Res.	263	+11½	436	227
Petra Diamonds	19		30½	10½
Rio Tinto	6355	+141	6359	4117

Mobile Telecommunications

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Vodafone Group	99¾#	+1¼	103¾	64

Nonequity Investment Instruments

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Oryx Int.Gwth.	1215	-10	1392½	1042½
Rights &Iss.Inc	2050		2240	1670

Nonlife Insurance

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Admiral Group				
Beazley Group	821	+2½	973	769
Hiscox	1388		1429	1035
Lancashire	600	+4	694	523

Oil & Gas Producers

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
BP	443½	+6½	476¼	331¾
Cairn Energy	226	-1	331½	183
Enquest	11¾	+½	16½	9¾
Gulf Keystone Pet.	182	+2½	224½	148¾
Harbour Energy	210½	+8½	294	151¼
Shell	2739	+17	2931½	2291½
Soco International	21#	+¼	27½	18
Tullow Oil	7½	+¾	23½	4

Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Hunting	407½	+10	411	246½
John Wood Group	26½	+½	72½	17¼

Personal Goods

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Burberry Group	1330½	+19	1371½	627¾
PZ Cussons	72¾	+½	88¼	66
Unilever	4831½	+57	6177½	4631

Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
AstraZeneca	14346	+338	14398	9667
Genus	2595	+80	2715	1424
GlaxoSmithKline	1880½	+22½	1901½	1264
Haleon	366	+3¾	415¼	326½
Hikma	1567	+29	2340	1507
Ovoca Gold	1¼			
Oxford Biomedica	804	+65	805	232½

Real Estate Investment & Services

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Boot (Henry)	225	+2	237	196
Cardiff Property	2700		2750	2540
CLS Holdings	59¾	-¼	78	53½
Foxtons	57	-1¼	68¼	52¼
Harworth Group	165	-1½	189½	159½
Mountview Est.	9075	-225	10200	8700
Panther Secs.	290		320	280
Rightmove	511¾	-3½	823¾	504½
Savills	1018		1110	871
Wynnstay Props.	875		900	695

Real Estate Investment Trusts

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Big Yellow Group	1042#	+2	1180	848
British Land	399½#	+2¼	420½	321¼
Capital & Counties	142	-¼	161¼	113½
Derwent London	1845	+38	2096	1608
Grainger	193	-¼	228	177½
Great Portland Est.	327½	+½	363	262
Hammerson	336½	+¾	348¼	220½
Helical Bar	188#	+1	240	171¾
Land Securities	628	+½	650	499½
London & Stamford Prop	195½	-½	204½	170½
Primary Health	103	+1	103½	86½
SEGRO	734¾	+4¾	743½	599
Town Centre	123	-3	149	117
Unite Group	569	+4	879½	510
Value & Income	201#	-½	215	173
Workspace Group	410#	+7	478½	362

Software & Computer Services

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Computacenter	3112	-50	3212	2024
Intec Telecom				
Microgen	294	-2	344	255
Moneysupermarket	188	+½	221½	180½
Pendragon	352½	+10½	558	296
RELX	3091	-33	4135	2972
Sage Group	1054#	-55½	1348	1047
Triad Group	245	-5	400	240

Support Services

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Ashtead Group	5270#	-114	5594	3659
Capita Group	395	-½	407½	175
DCC	4446	+78	5600	4344
Diploma	5555	-45	5760	3624
Essentra	96¼	+1¼	126¼	89¾
Experian Group	3325#	-12	4088	3091
Ferguson	18190#	+210	19470	11670
Hays	48½	-2½	88¼	48½
Intertek Group	4612	+14	5385	4064
Johnson Service	139½	+4	159½	124
London Security	2850		3800	2750
Macfarlane Group	72¼	+¼	120½	62¾
Mears Group	353	+2	417½	311½
Michael Page	205¾	-2¾	341¼	201¼
Mitie Group	167#	+¾	171½	107¾
Norish	18¾		18¾	14
Paypoint	466	+5	853	438½
Rentokil Initial	463¾	+5	473½	309½
Robert Walters	136½	-3	315	116
RS Group	646½	+4	681½	487¼
Serco Group	293	+2½	294½	147
SIG	10	+¼	18	8½
Smiths News	68½#	+¼	77½	47½
Speedy Hire	25#		32¼	18
SThree	181½	+¼	289½	137½
Travis Perkins	649	+2	714	494
Trifast	72¼	+1	87½	59
Vitec Group	12¾	+¼	135	11

Technology Hardware & Equipment

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
BATM Advanced	15½	-¾	19¾	13

Tobacco

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
British Amer.Tob	4240#	+35	4421	2905
Imperial Brands	3024	+15	3312	2580

Travel & Leisure

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
888 Holdings	23	+¼	74	21
Carnival	2219	-46	2406	1134
Celtic	199		208	142½
Compass Group	2321	+7	2843	2304
Domino's Pizza	182¼	+1	302¾	167¼
EasyJet	482	-7½	587¾	427½
Entain	713¾	-12¼	1022	501¼
Flutter Entert.	15080	+95	23630	14670
Fuller Smith & Turner	710	-28	740	508
Heavitree	220		280	200
InterContinental Htl	10079	-7½	10324½	5526¼
Intl Consolidated Airlines	404¼	-3¼	437	224½
Irish Continental Uts	560	-5	575	380
Marston's	63¾	-1¼	67	33¼
Mitchells & Butlers	275	-2	291½	208½
National Express	22½		78	21
Rank Group	99½	+1½	160½	77¾
Saga	420	-8½	438	111½
Wetherspoon (JD)	755	-2	804	541
Whitbread	2793	+26	3274	2335

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COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Alumasc Group	247½	-4½	395	232
Arbuthnot Banking	877½	-5	1100	837½
Boohoo	22		30½	10½
Camellia	4985	+10	6050	4090
Churchill China	324	-11	710	315
CML Microsystems	265		335	210
Colefax Group	995	+35	995	750
CPP Group	81½	+1½	162	68½
Cropper (James)	400		410	132½
Falkland Islands	251#		316¾	162½
Fevertree Drinks	886	+44	998	611½
Filtronic	193	+9	195	82½
James Halstead	139	+1	181½	133
Mothercare	2	-½	4¼	2
Mpac Group	322½	+2½	586	270
Naked Wine	75½	-1¾	93½	43
Nichols	990	-20	1465	930
Northamber	31½#		34	26
Portmeirion	99		189	94
Regal Petroleum	16		26½	14½
Rockhopper Exploratn	68	+½	87¾	33¼
Ten Alps	46½		73	46
Titon Holdings	97½		103	69
Volex	433½	+1	437½	198¾
Young & Co Brewery A.	806		992	714

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Notice is hereby given that I, **Mohammad Rafi Ahmadi** has made an application under Section 17 of Part 3 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the grant of a premises licence for the premises known as **Pizza Top**, 321 Hunslet Road, Leeds LS10 1NJ. We intend to conduct the following licensable activities on or from the premises: Late Night Refreshments – Every Day – 23:00 hours to 00:00 hours. Responsible authorities or any other person may make written representations to Leeds City Council about this application until 4 February 2026 which should be sent to entertainment.licensing@leeds.gov.uk or Civic Hall, Leeds LS1 1UR. For full details and how to view a copy of the application please contact Entertainment Licensing on 0113 378 5029 or email entertainment.licensing@leeds.gov.uk It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on conviction for this offence is an unlimited fine.

LICENSING ACT 2003 Application for a Premise Licence (S17)

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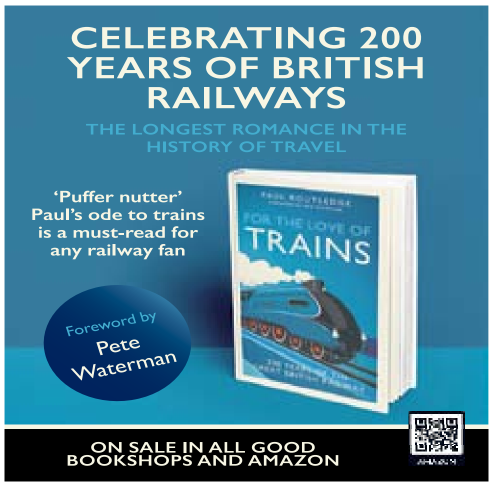
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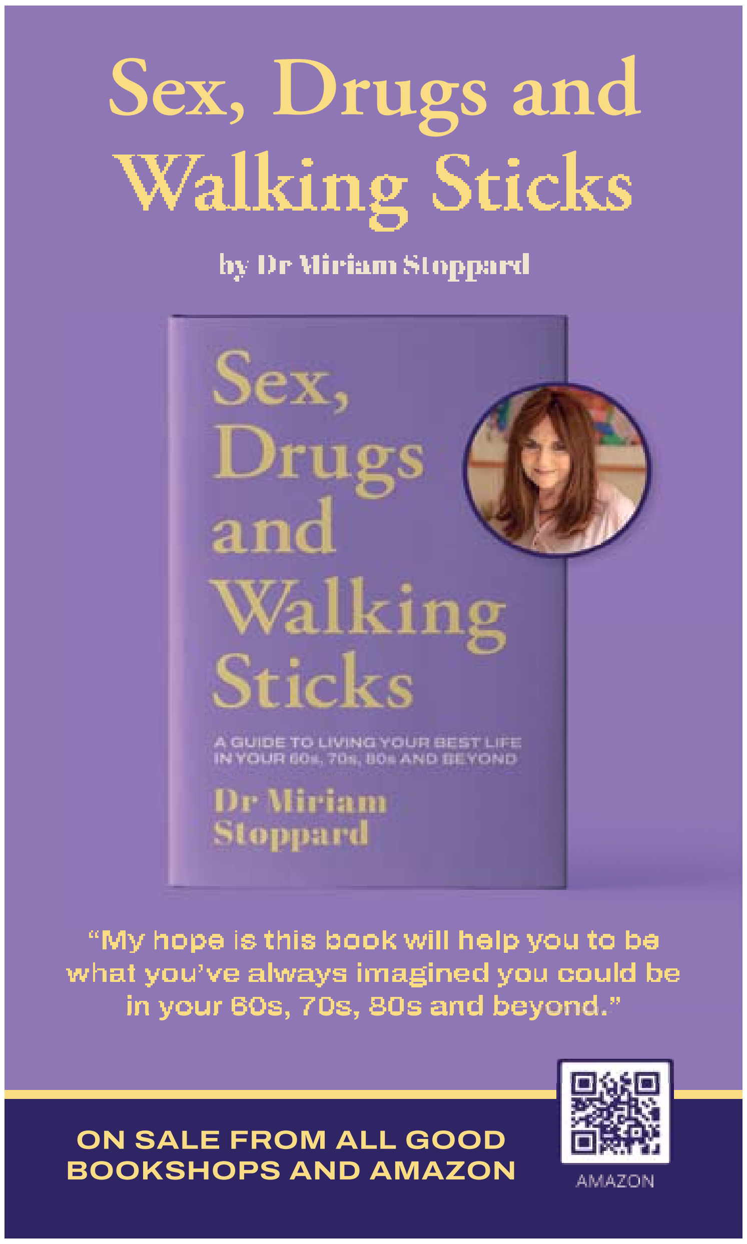
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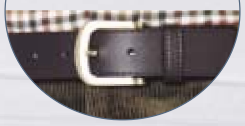

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COBDEN'S BON-US!

Harry set to ride Jonbon on Saturday

By **David Yates**

TOP TEAM: Harry Cobden, inset, says he is honoured to be partnering Jonbon

HARRY COBDEN will ride Jonbon for new boss JP McManus in the BetMGM Clarence House Chase at Ascot on Saturday.

Cobden doesn't officially start his new job as McManus's No 1 jockey in Britain and Ireland until next season.

But Jonbon's regular rider Nico de Boinville, who makes his return from injury at Windsor tomorrow, will head to Haydock the following day to partner Nicky Henderson stablemate Old Park Star – leaving Cobden to step in.

"Nico's obviously going to Haydock, so it's an honour and a privilege to be asked to go and ride a horse like that and hopefully I can step up and deliver," said Cobden.

"I saw on Twitter (X) that I was riding him before I was actually told, so I called my agent. "I said, 'What's the plan?' He said, 'You ride Jonbon on Saturday!'"

Jonbon, who beat Energumene by six and a half lengths at Ascot 12 months ago, is William Hill's 9-2 second favourite – Willie Mullins' Il Etait Temps is the firm's 8-15 favourite – to rack up an 11th Grade 1 triumph.

"A most fantastic horse, isn't he?" added Cobden.

"I've spent the last four or five seasons following him round and haven't been on one quite good enough to pass him, so I'm very much looking forward to riding him on Saturday."

❒ THE final declarations for the 2026 Randox Grand National will be made 72 hours before the race, 24 hours earlier than previously, the Jockey Club announced yesterday.

Dettori unable to pay £765,000 tax debt

By **David Yates**

FRANKIE DETTORI owed in excess of £750,000 to HM Revenue & Customs following his bankruptcy announced last year.

The world's most famous jockey, 55, was "saddened and embarrassed" when he revealed his bankruptcy, the result of unpaid tax arising from his involvement in a tax avoidance scheme, in March 2025.

And a report published yesterday revealed Dettori, above, who is set to take the final rides of his career in Brazil next month, owed £765,542 to HMRC as of October 20 last year, with £6,391 also due to a car hire company.

Including liquidator's fees, the debts amounted to £888,799 – with no funds to repay them.

"It is not expected that there will be a return to unsecured creditors," said the Companies House report.

It was also revealed that Alice Haynes, who announced the end of her training career, owed more than £500,000 upon the liquidation of her business.

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4.10 Dunstall Star

12.07 FLAKED OATS NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE
£5,281 (Class 4)3m 1f 30yds (8 declared)

1	B35-121	**GOLAN LOOP (36) (D,F)** W Greatrex 6 12-1	**S Bowen**	★125
2	14254/L-	**MOMBASA (460)** V Williams 7 11-12	**N Fox(5)**	–
3	42L3-48	**MAJOR FORTUNE (54)** D Skelton 8 11-11	**H Skelton**	122
4	12/52-FP	**TOMMYS CHARM (19)** Kerry Lee 8 11-11	**B J Powell**	124
5	22/L2-	● **GAELIC RAMBLER (269)** J & A O'Neill 6 11-10	**K Brogan**	–
6	3612-34	**MAXIMUM OFFERS (49)** J Snowden 7 11-4	**J A Anderson(3)**	96
7	82-L62L	**CLOTILDA (20)** P Nicholls 5 11-3	**H Cobden**	123
8	62/17-L4	**NOT A LIGHT (33)** P Hobbs & J White 9 11-2	**C Pritchard(3)**	105

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 5, 7 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 3, 6.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 7, 3, 2, 8, 4.

SP FORECAST: 9-4 Golan Loop, 3 Clotilda, 4 Major Fortune, 13-2 Gaelic Rambler, 12 Mombasa, Maximum Offers, 14 Not A Light, 16 Tommys Charm.

2025: Ideal Des Bordes 7-11-11, Nico De Boinville 4-1 (N Henderson), 6 ran.

12.42 ODDSCHECKER MAIDEN HURDLE (DIV 1)
£5,281 (4) 1m 7f 50yds (12)

1	7	**AIR APPARENT (41)** Seamus Mullins 6 11-8	**Sean Houlihan**	91
2	P6	**CORNER FORWARD (36)** A Honeyball 5 11-8	**K Brogan**	94
3	118-224	● **GAELIC PRIDE (27) (F)** W Greatrex 6 11-8	**S Bowen**	★131
4	97	**HADRIANUS (16)** J Tizzard 6 11-8	**B J Powell**	90
5	PF2-P	**RICHFORADAAY (249)** I Chanin 6 11-8	**S Sheppard**	–
6	LP-P68L	**TOBI KANOBEE (59)** Claire Hitch 7 11-8	**B Godfrey**	73
7	2/432-3	**UNKNOWN ENTITY (29)** D Skelton 6 11-8	**H Skelton**	108
8	P	**WHAT A DRAGON (28)** R Walford 5 11-8	**H Kimber**	–
9	6-L	**DEAUVILLE LADY (41)** N Hawke 5 11-1	**J M Davies**	32
10	0L	**COSMIC SPIRIT (52)** B Case 4 10-9	**Mr J Stevenson(7)**	34
11	6	**ONE ISLAND (60)** P Nicholls 4 10-9	**H Cobden**	100
12		**SHIELAS WELL (F26)** T Faulkner 4 10-2	**N Fox(5)**	–

HOOD: No. 10.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 3.

SP FORECAST: 4-5 Gaelic Pride, 7-4 Unknown Entity, 5 One Island, 20 Corner Forward, 25 Hadrianus, 50 Air Apparent, What A Dragon, 66 Richforadaay, 100 Others.

2025: South Omo Zone 7-11-8, Sean Bowen 3-1 (O Murphy), 8 ran.

1.17 ODDSCHECKER MAIDEN HURDLE (DIV 2)
£5,281 (4) 1m 7f 50yds (12)

1	U8	**DRAGONS AND DEMONS (41)** R Walford 5 11-8	**H Kimber**	86
2	8/PPPP-	**ERIC GORCOMBE (362)** R Walford 7 11-8	**B Godfrey**	–
3	1-322	**LIAM MERA KAI (32)** W Greatrex 5 11-8	**S Bowen**	109
4	76	**MONTRACHET FIN (41)** H Fry 5 11-8	**B Carver**	94
5	50	**REGAL ICON (41)** Seamus Mullins 6 11-8	**Sean Houlihan**	–
6	112-29	**SINCHI ROCA (27)** S Hosie 6 11-8	**C Pritchard(3)**	–
7	111/5-22	● **WOLF WALKER (16)** C Boultbee-Brooks 7 11-8	**R Patrick**	★122
8	0LL	**GREY AQUILA (30)** Miss J Davis 5 11-1	**J M Davies**	41
9	43L	**INNAMORATO (16)** P Nicholls 4 10-9	**H Cobden**	68
10	P7	**LAUNCESTON (16)** Joe Ponting 4 10-9	**C Hammond**	74
11	45	**ATHENA'S DREAM (29)** H Dickin 4 10-2	**J Best**	106
12	L4	**RITAAN (17)** G Nicholls 4 10-2	**F Lambert(3)**	85

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 7, 8 CHEEK PIECES: No. 9 HOOD: No. 12.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 6.

SP FORECAST: 7-4 Wolf Walker, 2 Liam Mera Kai, 3 Sinchi Roca, 5 Innamorato, 25 Athena's Dream, 33 Montrachet Fin, 50 Ritaan, Regal Icon, 66 Others.

2025: South Omo Zone 7-11-8, Sean Bowen 3-1 (O Murphy), 8 ran.

1.52 ODDSCHECKER HANDICAP HURDLE
£4,489 (5) 1m 7f 50yds (13)

1	F-96L	**JACKOMY (30)** N Mulholland 6 12-0	**K Brogan**	94
2	1/23-L9	**MISTRESS EMMA (52)** N Henderson 8 12-0	**Mr D Wiliams(7)**	96
3	424-254	**UGO BINGO (20) (C&D)** J Tizzard 7 12-0	**B J Powell**	102
4	3-24U9L	**RUN AWAY JOE (26)** F O'Brien 6 12-0	**T Broughton(5)**	70
5	09LP1B	● **MORNING MAYHEM (20)** Nick Scholfield 5 11-12	**K Woods**	98
6	7/P2-412	**WESTERN SOLDIER (42) (C&D)** Seamus Mullins 8 11-10	**C Pritchard(3)**	101
7	638911	**NO GUARANTEE (26)** A Gibbons 6 11-5	**J Turner(5)**	99
8	29-U455	**ST LUKES CHELSEA (35)** R Walford 5 11-3	**H Kimber**	101
9	345911	**POSTPONED LEGACY (15)** M Keighley 5 11-2	**J Best**	100
10	L3116-P	**JUST AIDAN (42) (C&D)** H Dickin 7 11-0	**S Bowen**	100
11	313-77L	**MR ZEE (42)** M Blake 9 10-2	**H Reed**	★103
12	L24/U48	**FREDDIE FLEETFOOT (35)** C J Gray 8 10-2	**Sean Houlihan**	100
13	P9/L-3LP	**TALAP (20)** G F Edwards 9 10-2	**J Tudor**	99

VISOR: No. 7 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 7 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 3, 9, 11
HOOD: No. 8.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 10, 5, 7.

SP FORECAST: 5-2 Morning Mayhem, 10-3 Postponed Legacy, 5 No Guarantee, 8 Ugo Bingo, 10 Just Aidan, 12 Western Soldier, 14 Run Away Joe, 16 Mr Zee, St Lukes Chelsea, 25 Others.

2025: Chicago Storm 6-11-12, Robbie David(7) 25-1 (Daisy Hitchins), 17 ran.

2.27 ODDSCHECKER HANDICAP HURDLE
£5,280 (4) 2m 3f 179yds (12)

1	26-4302	**KING OF THE ROAD (20)** B Pauling 7 11-11	**K Woods**	120
2	851/P-46	**MEATLOAF (42) (C)** P Nicholls 7 11-10	**F Keighley(7)**	115
3	313P-51	**LIGHT FANDANGO (17)** N Mulholland 7 11-8	**B Harris(3)**	121
4	3/4341-P	**VALADON (53)** H Fry 6 11-7	**B Carver**	117
5	6169-21	**ONE EYE ON VEGAS (42) (D)** S Edmunds 9 11-7	**C Hammond**	122
6	06-29P8	**MOUTARDE (34)** S Hosie 5 11-7	**C Pritchard(3)**	120
7	58LP-PL	**DOCTOR GLIDE (35)** T Vaughan 8 11-4	**L Williams**	92
8	2-62L50	**TEORIE (30)** Daisy Hitchins 6 11-3	**R David(7)**	★124
9	55F-24	**CHOICE RUNNER (42)** D Skelton 6 11-3	**H Skelton**	112
10	31-32	**LE SOLEIL REVE (53)** Mrs J Williams 5 11-3	**J Best**	117
11	P15-253	**PURPLE OWL (37)** D Pipe 6 11-2	**J Tudor**	114
12	2233-38	● **LUCKY BERE (62)** K Woollacott 5 11-2	**H Cobden**	120

VISOR: No. 6 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 11 CHEEK PIECES: No. 5.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 10, 3, 5, 4.

SP FORECAST: 4 King Of The Road, 9-2 Le Soleil Reve, 5 Choice Runner, One Eye On Vegas, 13-2 Light Fandango, 10 Purple Owl, 12 Others.

2025: Firestream 8-12-0, Sam Twiston-Davies 10-1 (A Honeyball), 15 ran.

3.02 ODDSCHECKER S HANDICAP HURDLE
£10,562 (3) 3m 150yds (10)

1	21L2/P0	**DIAMOND RI (17)** J Tizzard 7 11-9	**B J Powell**	78
2	3L-LP53	**PUNTA DEL ESTE (27)** D Pipe 7 11-8	**J Tudor**	130
3	9/LPP-P8	**EMAILANDY (20)** P Nicholls 8 11-8	**H Cobden**	103
4	4-42112	**TURNDLIGHTSDOWNLOW (40)** M Keighley 6 11-5	**F Keighley(7)**	130
5	11L-047	**RUBBER BALL (20)** N King 6 11-5	**J Quinlan**	129
6	1/2214-P	**TOMMY THE TANK (41)** Dr R Newland & J Insole 8 11-4	**C Hammond**	125
7	21-31	● **A PERFECT DAY (33) (C)** Ben Clarke 6 11-4	**T Bellamy**	127
8	2112-28	**LOVERDOSE (47)** R Walford 7 11-2	**H Kimber**	★134
9	1717-52	**OH MY JOHNNY (37)** P Hobbs & J White 6 11-2	**Sean Houlihan**	130
10	61LL-62	**CHAMPAGNE CHIC (40) (C)** J Scott 6 11-2	**L Williams**	132

BLINKERS: No. 3 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 3 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 2, 8, 10.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 10, 1, 8, 9, 2, 5, 6.

SP FORECAST: 5-2 A Perfect Day, 3 Turndlightsdownlow, 13-2 Champagne Chic, 7 Oh My Johnny, 8 Punta Del Este, 10 Rubber Ball, 12 Loverdose, 16 Others.

2025: Phantomofthepoints 7-11-13, Jack Tudor 4-1 (D Pipe), 11 ran.

3.37 SOMERSET NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE
£15,843 (3) 3m 2f 162yds (7)

1	2233-F6	**OUR POWER (54) (C)** S Thomas 11 12-0	**Mr H Barfoot-Saunt(7)**	140
2	P8/3PP-2	**IRON BRIDGE (74)** J & A O'Neill 10 11-10	**K Brogan**	141
3	522-932	**DESTROYTHEEVIDENCE (29)** K Bailey & M Nicholls 8 11-9	**T Bellamy**	142
4	5P33-L1	● **ISAAC DES OBEAUX (28)** P Nicholls 8 11-7	**H Cobden**	142
5	F0/33-PL	**RAPPER (29) (C)** H Daly 12 10-13	**R Patrick**	136
6	11L4/P-2	**OPERATION MANNA (28)** T Lacey 10 10-13	**S Sheppard**	★144
7	312-333	**RIVERS CORNER (17)** J Tizzard 8 10-6	**B J Powell**	143

BLINKERS: No. 7 VISOR: No. 3 TONGUE STRAP: 7 CHEEK PIECES: 1, 2, 4, 5.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 2, 4, 6, 1, 5, 7.

SP FORECAST: 5-2 Isaac Des Obeaux, 3 Rivers Corner, 10-3 Destroytheevidence, 7 Operation Manna, Iron Bridge, 10 Our Power, 25 Rapper.

2025: Collectors Item 8-11-7, Kevin Brogan 14-1 (J & A O'Neill), 10 ran.

4.10 ODDSCHECKER 'NEWCOMERS' NH FLAT
£2,178 (5) 1m 7f 50yds (11)

1	**BEAU SPEED** P Nicholls 5 11-8	**H Cobden**	–
2	● **DUNSTALL STAR** T R George 5 11-8	**T Bellamy**	–
3	**ELUSIVE PB** Nick Scholfield 5 11-8	**K Woods**	–
4	**FINE TUNING** A Honeyball 5 11-8	**S Bowen**	–
5	**LINGERING GLANCE** J Scott 5 11-8	**L Williams**	–
6	**MURPHY'S MATE** H Fry 5 11-8	**B Carver**	–
7	**SHADY KNIGHT** D Skelton 5 11-8	**Harry Atkins(7)**	–
8	**TROJAN TALE** Dan Horsford 5 11-8	**J Tudor**	–
9	**VALIANT SOLDIER** J Tizzard 5 11-8	**B J Powell**	–
10	**UP THE HILL** P Gundry 5 11-1	**C Pritchard(3)**	–
11	**SCAREDOFNOTHING** T H Weston 4 10-9	**J Bryan**	–

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 4, 6 HOOD: No. 3.

SP FORECAST: 11-4 Beau Speed, 4 Shady Knight, 5 Fine Tuning, 7 Others.

2025: Bossman Jack 5-11-8, Fergus Gillard 15-2 (D Skelton), 12 ran.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good to Soft. Right Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2021-26):** Harry Cobden 30% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2021-26):** P Nicholls 27% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 1.17 Innamorato (cheek pieces), 3.02 Diamond Ri (cheek pieces), 3.37 Rivers Corner (tongue strap), Destroytheevidence (visor), Iron Bridge (cheek pieces), 4.10 Elusive Pb (hood), Murphy's Mate (tongue strap), Fine Tuning (tongue strap), 12.07 Major Fortune (cheek pieces), Maximum Offers (cheek pieces), 12.42 Cosmic Spirit (wind surgery). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 12.07 Maximum Offers(hcp ch). 1.17 Innamorato, Liam Mera Kai. 1.52 Morning Mayhem(hcp hdl), Ugo Bingo(hcp hdl), Western Soldier(hcp hdl). 2.27 Le Soleil Reve(hcp hdl). 3.02 Turndlightsdownlow(hcp hdl). 3.37 Rivers Corner(hcp ch). **LONGEST TRAVELLER: One Eye On Vegas** (2.27) 136 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 12.07 **Mombasa** from N George & A Zetterholm in France to V Williams. 12.42 **Richforadaay** from R Chanin to I Chanin. 1.17 **Eric Gorcombe** from J Frost to R Walford.

RESULTS

LINGFIELD: Standard

11.55—ROGUE REBELLION (L Morris, 11-2) 1; Rosieisme Darling (9-4 fav) 2; A Lott Of Kane (3-1 jt 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 7 ran. ½l, nk. (James Owen). Tote: £6.50; pl £3.40, £1.80. exacta: £18.70. tricast: £43.47. trifecta: £62.30. CSF: £18.18. Non-runner: Havin A Flyer.

12.25—FOREST GUNNER (S M Levey, 9-4 2nd fav) 1; Colors Of Freedom (15-8 fav) 2; Global Effort (14-1) 3. 6 ran. 1¾l, 1l. (P Evans). Tote: £3.50; pl £1.70, £1.30. exacta: £7.40. trifecta: £43.10. CSF: £6.50. Non-runner: Sultan Of Oj.

12.55—CHAMAS (H Crouch, 85-40 2nd fav) 1; Lady Dora Mae (9-5 fav) 2; Loma Express (9-1) 3. 6 ran. ns, ½l. (R Beckett). Tote: £3.50; pl £1.70, £1.50. exacta: £8.20. trifecta: £25.20. CSF: £6.40. Non-runner: Stole My Heart.

1.25—KARAKULA DANCER (D Muscutt, 5-1) 1; Hove Ranger (10-1) 2; Chilliconcarneigh (3-1 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 1¾l, 1l. (J Ferguson; 5-6 fav Giles Glory). Tote: £6.20; pl £1.40, £1.90, £1.10. exacta: £45.50. tricast: £180.06. trifecta: £184.30. CSF: £53.47.

1.55—HARDSTYLE (P Cosgrave, 13-8 fav) 1; Athenian Spirit (7-2 2nd fav) 2; Lapidarist (11-1) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 2¼l, ¾l. (G Boughey). Tote: £2.63; pl £1.50, £1.20, £3.10. exacta: £7.60. tricast: £47.07. trifecta: £48.60. CSF: £7.73.

2.30—MICK'S SPIRIT (D Keenan, 7-2 jt 2nd fav) 1; Beaumadier (7-2 jt 2nd fav) 2; Gogo Yubari (9-5 fav) 3. H'cap 6 ran. 1l, hd. (C Allen). Tote: £4.60; pl £1.80, £2.00. exacta: £18.10. trifecta: £60.80. CSF: £16.36. Non-runner: Hint Of Humour.

3.05—HAVEAGOBEAU (J Dace, 25-1) 1; Pride Of Nepal (15-2) 2; Dubai Harbour (3-1 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 2¾l, ½l. (J Boyle; 6-4 fav Krissy). tricast: £736.58. CSF: £196.63.

3.40—MAXIMISING (D Muscutt, 15-2) 1; Captain Parma (4-1) 2; Tadreeb (10-3 fav) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 2½l, 1¼l. (K P De Foy). Tote: £8.50; pl £2.50, £1.40, £1.50. exacta: £43.00. tricast: £121.38. trifecta: £224.40. CSF: £38.58.

Placepot: £48.50
(Race 1) 6, 1; (2) 3, 1; (3) 2, 3; (4) 6, 4, 2; (5) 2, 1, 6; (6) 6, 4.
Quadpot: £12.20

NEWBURY: Good to soft

12.35—SOBER GLORY (B R Jones, 2-13 fav) 1; It's Top (12-1) 2; Dutch Corner (11-2 2nd fav) 3. 11 ran. 13l, 1¼l. (P Hobbs & J White). Tote: £1.16; pl £1.10, £2.00, £1.60. exacta: £4.50. trifecta: £14.70. CSF: £4.68.

1.05—FIRE WARNING (J Bowen, 8-11 fav) 1; Bespoke Tailor (7-4 2nd fav) 2; Square D'alboni (12-1) 3. 11 ran. 3l, 4½l. (N Henderson). Tote: £1.73; pl £1.10, £1.10, £2.30. exacta: £2.30. trifecta: £11.60. CSF: £2.65.

1.35—MATIWO (C Gethings, 15-8 2nd fav) 1; Apollon Forlonge (4-5 fav) 2; Sixty's Rock (9-2) 3. 8 ran. 7l, 4¾l. (Mrs J Williams). Tote: £2.88; pl £1.10, £1.10, £1.20. exacta: £4.30. trifecta: £8.50. CSF: £4.08. Non-runners: Feel Gut, Lets Go Mo.

2.05—TOP TARGET (T Bellamy, 7-2 2nd fav) 1; Sheldon (22-1) 2; Always Busy (40-1) 3. H'cap 11 ran. 11l, 9½l. (K Bailey & M Nicholls; 10-3 fav Buckna). Tote: £4.60; pl £2.20, £4.60, £8.70. exacta: £94.00. tricast: £2691.70. trifecta: £1647.20. CSF: £75.56. Non-runner: Aviation.

2.40—C'EST DIFFERENT (D Johnston, 11-4 fav) 1; Top Guy (10-3 2nd fav) 2; De Kingpin (20-1) 3; Crazierthandaisy (6-1) 4. H'cap 17 ran. 5½l, 1¼l, ¾l. (S Thomas). Tote: £3.90; pl £1.60, £1.50, £4.40, £2.00. exacta: £18.30. tricast: £176.34. trifecta: £419.00. CSF: £12.40.

3.15—PANIC ATTACK (H Skelton, 1-4 fav) 1; Molto Bene (9-2 2nd fav) 2; Ilovethenightlife (10-1) 3. 5 ran. 14l, 5½l. (D Skelton). Tote: £1.25; pl £1.10, £1.40. exacta: £1.80. trifecta: £3.60. CSF: £2.09.

3.50—GENERAL BRIAR (F Gordon, 11-1) 1; Doctors Hill (5-2 fav) 2; Premier (15-2) 3. H'cap 11 ran. 2¼l, ½l. (C Gordon). Tote: £12.80; pl £3.60, £1.50, £2.80. exacta: £54.30. tricast: £231.94. trifecta: £329.70. CSF: £41.19. Non-runner: Parramount.

Jackpot: £161.20 Placepot: £4.20
(Race 1) 1, 5, 3; (2) 5, 3, 11; (3) 5, 1, 7; (4) 3, 7, 10; (5) 1, 15, 12, 7; (6) 1, 4.
Quadpot: £4.40

KEMPTON: Standard to slow

5.30—VIZZAVONA LADY (Mr E Cagney, 7-2 2nd fav) 1; Knightmare (17-2) 2; Rising Force (10-11 fav) 3. H'cap 6 ran. 1¼l, shd. (Jack Jones). Tote: £4.60; pl £2.10, £2.70. exacta: £35.60. trifecta: £77.90. CSF: £30.76.

6.00—PAVE THE WAY (J Mitchell, 40-1) 1; Whiskey Sunrise (11-2) 2; Homme De Fer (7-4 fav) 3. H'cap 11 ran. ns, nk. (M Rimell). Tote: £41.00; pl £9.80, £1.70, £1.20. exacta: £118.10. tricast: £627.78. trifecta: £2654.00. CSF: £251.16.

6.30—JAZZY BABY (B Loughnane, 15-8 2nd fav) 1; Flyta (250-1) 2; Church Wedding (evens fav) 3. 13 ran. 1¼l, ¾l. (Kieran Burke). Tote: £3.00; pl £1.30, £26.00, £1.10. exacta: £493.50. trifecta: £1682.80. CSF: £487.36. Non-runner: Darn Hot Dame.

7.00—LIV MY LIFE (M Ghiani, 7-2) 1; Maid In Chelsea (2-1 2nd fav) 2; Mandana (9-5 fav) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 1½l, ½l. (S C Williams). Tote: £4.50; pl £1.40, £1.20, £1.10. exacta: £15.20. tricast: £16.35. trifecta: £33.90. CSF: £11.20.

7.30—UTMOST GOOD FAITH (B Loughnane, 8-11 fav) 1; Try Storm Cat (9-4 2nd fav) 2; Ritaal (22-1) 3. H'cap 4 ran. 4½l, 3¼l. (G Boughey). Tote: £1.73; exacta: £2.90. trifecta: £13.40. CSF: £2.76.

8.00—SERENITY DREAM (Jack Doughty, 12-1) 1; Buccabay (6-5 fav) 2; Mission Command (9-2 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 8 ran. ½l, ½l. (A Carroll). Tote: £14.60; pl £2.80, £1.10, £1.60. exacta: £42.80. tricast: £79.07. trifecta: £170.00. CSF: £27.02.

8.30—SISTERANDBROTHER (A Rawlinson, 5-1 2nd fav) 1; Duchess (4-1 fav) 2; Argentum (9-1) 3. H'cap 12 ran. 1l, 2¼l. (S A Harris). Tote: £6.60; pl £2.20, £2.20, £3.00. exacta: £36.10. tricast: £183.34. trifecta: £260.20. CSF: £26.33. Non-runner: Bug Boy.

Placepot: £17.60
(Race 1) 2, 4; (2) 7, 4, 3; (3) 1, 9, 6; (4) 2, 6, 1; (5) 4; (6) 8, 2, 6;
Quadpot: £2.10

VITAL STATISTICS

IN-FORM TRAINERS (last 10 days) N Henderson 80% (2 wins and 2 places from 5 runners), Mrs J Williams 75% (1/2/4), D Skelton 62% (4/4/13), C Johnston 60% (1/5/10), J Snowden 60% (2/1/5), James Owen 59% (5/12/29), Joey Ramsden 57% (1/3/7), D Loughnane 50% (1/2/6).
IN-FORM JOCKEYS Tom Bellamy 64% (4 wins and 3 places from 11 runners), Brian Hughes 60% (3/0/5), Harry Skelton 60% (3/3/10), Mr James King 60% (2/1/5), Jonathan Burke 57% (2/2/7), Gavin Sheehan 56% (2/3/9), Marco Ghiani 53% (3/5/15), Ciaran Gethings 50% (1/3/8).

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12.32 Annie Express
1.07 Last Round
1.42 Island Bridge
2.17 Zoeman
2.52 ASK ME ANOTHER (nap)
3.27 St Cuthbert's Cave
4.02 L'amandine

12.32 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP CHASE

£3,961 (Class 5) 2m 7f 171yds (9 declared)

1	2R4-142	**WALKINTHEWOODS (43)** E Williams 9 12-0	**O Radford(10)**	98
2	426-63U	**STAFF SERGEANT LEN (20)** S Hosie 6 11-13	**P Hanlon**	–
3	U24P5/4-	● **ANNIE EXPRESS (616)** R L Llewellyn 8 11-11	**T McCain-Mitchell**	–
4	22PPP-P	**HAUT FOLIN (35) (D)** V Williams 9 11-10	**Murray Dodd(6)**	–
5	P34PF4	**ANYTRIXWILLDO (16)** J & A O'Neill 8 11-10	**B Macey(6)**	95
6	6434-P2	**SHOT BOII (30)** D Pipe 9 11-10	**R Corcoran(8)**	★104
7	1163-PP	**IMPERIAL PRIDE (24)** David Dennis 10 10-8	**Isabelle Ryder(3)**	–
8	L32/47-L	**EST ILLIC (29)** S-J Davies 12 10-6	**S Fenelon**	66
9	PP4/54P	**MERANTI (27)** Sheila Lewis 8 10-2	**D McConville(3)**	71

BLINKERS: Nos. 4, 9 VISOR: No. 6 TONGUE STRAP: No. 7 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 5, 8.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 8, 4, 6, 1.

SP FORECAST: 2 Shot Boii, 11-4 Staff Sergeant Len, 11-2 Walkinthewoods, 7 Anytrixwilldo, 8 Annie Express, 12 Haut Folin, 14 Imperial Pride, 33 Est Illic, 50 Meranti.

2025: Meeting abandoned due to frozen course.

1.07 CLH PREMIER PRINT MAIDEN HURDLE (DIV 1)

£5,446 (4) 2m 5f 55yds (13)

1	222-302	**CATCHINTSAVO (36)** A Honeyball 6 11-10	**S Twiston-Davies**	★120
2	9/0UPP-	**CATCH YOURSELF ON (346)** N & W Twiston-Davies 7 11-10	**T McCain-Mitchell(5)**	–
3	B/16	**FANE COURT (7)** B Lund 8 11-10	**Shane Quinlan(3)**	42
4	9-7L	**FANNY MOON (42)** Mrs M Rowley 6 11-10	**T Wynne**	82
5	5L-LL	**HAIRY POTTER (48)** B Case 6 11-10	**C Gethings**	64
6	2-7	**IDAHO FIRE (78)** P Nicholls 5 11-10	**F Gingell**	–
7	10L3/	**IRONICA DE THAIX (714)** V Williams 8 11-10	**C Deutsch**	–
8	P-2	● **LAST ROUND (53)** B Pauling 5 11-10	**B R Jones**	–
9	8	**LA VISH (62)** Sarah Hollinshead 5 11-10	**R T Dunne**	–
10	44-2	**NOT AT THAT PRICE (76)** C Longsdon 6 11-10	**J J Burke**	–
11	21	**SEANIECON (236)** J & A O'Neill 5 11-10	**B Macey(7)**	–
12	6221-25	**SHUILE WARRIOR (39)** Simon Edwards 8 11-10	**Mr H Edwards(7)**	–
13		**ASIFBYMAGIC** S-J Davies 7 11-3	**S Fenelon(5)**	–

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 6 CHEEK PIECES: No. 5.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 7.

SP FORECAST: 2 Not At That Price, 11-4 Catchintsavo, 3 Last Round, 5 Idaho Fire, 7 Seaniecon, 16 Ironica De Thaix, 100 Shuile Warrior, La Vish, Hairy Potter, Fanny Moon, Catch Yourself On, Fane Court, Asifbymagic.

1.42 CLH PREMIER PRINT MAIDEN HURDLE (DIV 2)

£5,446 (4) 2m 5f 55yds (12)

1	PP-2U2P	**ABERFELDY (70)** S Hosie 6 11-10	**P Hanlon(5)**	–
2	6P	**CREST OF VALOUR (45)** A Honeyball 5 11-10	**S Twiston-Davies**	–
3	3	**DRUMLEE ORDERS (263)** Kerry Lee 6 11-10	**T Cannon**	–
4	5-	**GEORGEMANI (291)** David Dennis 5 11-10	**C J Todd**	–
5	2/103-42	● **ISLAND BRIDGE (59)** K Bailey & M Nicholls 6 11-10	**C Gethings**	114
6	1/2-34	**KARA SACRE (229)** V Williams 6 11-10	**C Deutsch**	★118
7	2/2-6	**MONDOUI'BOY (258)** B Pauling 6 11-10	**B R Jones**	–
8	3-45	**MY OWN LOVELY LEE (42)** P Hobbs & J White 6 11-10	**G Sheehan**	103
9	43-L	**PARLIAMO (71)** Mrs M Rowley 6 11-10	**T Wynne**	27
10	121-436	**PASSING DIAMOND (36)** N Mulholland 6 11-10	**D Johnston**	72
11	32-52	**PLAINS DRIFTER (42)** F O'Brien 6 11-10	**J J Burke**	115
12	57-53	**TAO ENKI (42)** A Ralph 6 11-10	**J Hogan**	105

SP FORECAST: 2 Kara Sacre, 11-4 Island Bridge, 7-2 Mondoui'boy, 6 Plains Drifter, 14 Drumlee Orders, 16 My Own Lovely Lee, 20 Tao Enki, Crest Of Valour, 33 Others.

2.17 LUDLOW RACECOURSE ANNUAL MEMBERS HANDICAP CHASE

£3,961 (5) 2m 4f 11yds (12)

1	12443-U	**I AM THE MOON (25)** N & W Twiston-Davies 7 12-0	**T McCain-Mitchell(5)**	–
2	4LL-212	**ANOTHER FOLLY (57)** Mrs J Williams 7 12-0	**C Gethings**	★110
3	1U33/6L	**BOLSOVER BILL (25) (D)** Harry Derham 9 12-0	**Miss V Malzard(5)**	73
4	111-5RF	**MOVE WITH THE BEAT (16) (F)** J Snowden 7 11-12	**Isabelle Ryder(7)**	96
5	71366-4	**THE GREY MAN (79)** H Dickin 7 11-11	**Tabitha Worsley(3)**	–
6	12P-PL6	**LUCKY LUGGER (43)** M Sheppard 9 11-10	**R T Dunne**	87
7	L51FL3	**JAITROPLACLASSE (20)** R L Llewellyn 7 11-8	**Charlie Price**	109
8	2565/33	● **ZOEMAN (24)** T R George 7 11-3	**J J Burke**	108
9	42475/P	**BLACK OCC (92)** Sheila Lewis 7 11-0	**C Deutsch**	–
10	0L13-5L	**OWL OF ATHENS (35)** E Williams 7 10-6	**C Ring**	92
11	32214-6	**NIGHT JET (79)** T Symonds 9 10-6	**B Poste**	108
12	P76-08P	**STOPHERANDGO (30)** K Pickard 9 10-2	**C Bament(7)**	–

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 6, 7, 12 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 12.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 3, 6, 11, 5.

SP FORECAST: 4 Another Folly, 9-2 Zoeman, 5 Move With The Beat, 7 Jaitroplaclasse, I Am The Moon, 8 Bolsover Bill, 10 Night Jet, 12 Owl Of Athens, The Grey Man, 33 Others.

2.52 JOIN 'WINDSOR BLUE' RACE CLUB MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE

£4,753 (4) 1m 7f 169yds (9)

1	111122-	**DEMOISELLE KAP (289)** J Candlish 8 12-0	**L Scott(3)**	118
2	98-7713	**TOUR OVALIE (17) (C&D)** E Williams 7 11-12	**Isabel Williams**	122
3	41F44-4	**UFOURIA (26)** A Ralph 8 11-9	**C Gethings**	118
4	L33-433	**IP UP (26) (D)** J O'Keeffe 8 11-7	**C Deutsch**	★123
5	32/11-4	**RAILWAY BELL (30) (D)** F O'Brien 7 11-7	**J J Burke**	115
6	68-1277	**GOLDEN FALLS (17)** L Wadham 4 10-9	**T Cannon**	115
7	981634	**GETMETOTHEMOON (7) (D)** A Honeyball 7 10-7	**J Robottom(10)**	121
8	2FF634	**JAMMY JAY (20)** H Evans 6 10-7	**B Poste**	119
9	5631/24-	● **ASK ME ANOTHER (331) (D)** R L Llewellyn 6 10-6	**Charlie Price**	119

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7 HOOD: No. 6.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 9, 1, 7, 6, 4, 2.

SP FORECAST: 3 Demoiselle Kap, 9-2 Ufouria, 5 Tour Ovalie, 6 Ip Up, 7 Ask Me Another, 8 Getmetothemoon, 10 Railway Bell, 16 Jammy Jay, Golden Falls.

3.27 POINTING POINTERS OPEN HUNTERS' CHASE

£2,566 (5) 2m 7f 171yds (10)

1	L/6P121-	**FIL D'ARIANE (320) (D)** Douglas White 11 12-6	**Capt D White(7)**	115
2	LLLLLP	**FRERE D'ARMES (25) (C&D)** D Skelton 9 12-6	**Mr Dominic Lewis(7)**	99
3	12P1-21	**GRACCHUS DE BALME (230)** J J O'Shea 10 12-6	**Mr H Crow(5)**	127
4	24P2L-5	**JAVA POINT (41) (C&D)** Lemos Souza 11 12-6	**Mr F Philipson-Stow(7)**	124
5	0-13L22	**SHANAGH BOB (18) (C&D)** Henry Oliver 8 12-6	**Sgt Nick Oliver(7)**	120
6	32F111	● **ST CUTHBERT'S CAVE (47)** J J O'Shea 8 12-2	**Mr J King**	★128
7	15F1-44	**TAKE ALL (61) (C)** Myles Osborne 11 12-2	**Mr S Scott(7)**	126
8	213/31P-	**PYLEIGH COURT (287)** R Pudd 11 12-0	**Miss E Herbison(7)**	111
9	5211-P5	**BLAGTHEBOOKIES (18)** N Gittins 8 11-12	**Mrs Iola Sankey(7)**	–
10	6222-P2	**FRONTAL ASSAULT (242)** Fred Timmis 11 11-12	**Mr H Bailey(7)**	110

BLINKERS: Nos. 9, 10 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 4, 7 CHEEK PIECES: No. 5.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 9, 1, 2, 10, 3, 4, 8, 5, 6, 7.

SP FORECAST: 13-8 Gracchus De Balme, 4 St Cuthbert's Cave, 6 Take All, 8 Java Point, 10 Shanagh Bob, 12 Frontal Assault, Frere d'Armes, Fil D'ariane, 25 Others.

4.02 RACINGTV FILLIES' 'JUNIOR' NH FLAT RACE 4YO

£3,268 (4) 1m 7f 169yds (11)

1	1	**THE PROCRASTINATOR (47)** Dr R Newland & J Insole 11-9	**L Scott(3)**	95
2		**CHOCOLATE COSMOS** C Longsdon 11-2	**Lilly Pinchin**	–
3		**CRYSTALATE** T H Weston 11-2	**R T Dunne**	–
4	22	**GRACEFUL GLANCE (46)** Mrs J Williams 11-2	**C Gethings**	★99
5		● **L'AMANDINE** J Snowden 11-2	**G Sheehan**	–
6	6	**MILLADY (26)** Mrs M Rowley 11-2	**T Wynne**	78
7		**OCEANIDES** E De Giles 11-2	**B Poste**	–
8	54	**SEMELE (29)** L Wadham 11-2	**T Cannon**	93
9		**STARS ALIGN (F)** N Henderson 11-2	**F Gordon**	–
10		**STEAL A GLANCE** A Honeyball 11-2	**S Twiston-Davies**	–
11	5	**WAIT FOR THIS (29)** E Lavelle 11-2	**B R Jones**	92

TONGUE STRAP: No. 10.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 1.

SP FORECAST: 10-3 Graceful Glance, 5 Stars Align, 11-2 The Procrastinator, 6 Semele, 7 Wait For This, 8 L'amandine, 10 Steal A Glance, Chocolate Cosmos, 20 Others.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good to Soft. Right Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2021-26):** Sam Twiston-Davies 17% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2021-26):** F O'Brien 21% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 1.07 Hairy Potter (cheek pieces), 1.42 Parliamo (wind surgery), 2.17 Another Folly (wind surgery), Jaitroplaclasse (cheek pieces, tongue strap), Black Occ (cheek pieces), 4.02 Steal A Glance (tongue strap), 12.32 Meranti (blinkers). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 12.32 Annie Express(hcp ch), Shot Boii(hcp ch). 1.07 Not At That Price. 1.42 Island Bridge, Kara Sacre. 2.17 Bolsover Bill(hcp ch), I Am The Moon(hcp ch), Zoeman(hcp ch). 2.52 Ask Me Another(hcp hdl). **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Stopherandgo** (2.17) 183 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 12.32 **Annie Express** from W Greatrex to R L Llewellyn. 1.07 **Catch Yourself On** from Miss T L Cogan in Ireland to N & W Twiston-Davies, **Last Round** from Benny Walsh in Ireland to B Pauling. 1.42 **Drumlee Orders** from S McParlan in Ireland to Kerry Lee, **Georgemani** from Oliver Bowd to David Dennis, **Kara Sacre** from P Nolan in Ireland to V Williams, **Mondoui'boy** from Harry Derham to B Pauling. 3.27 **Frontal Assault** from Miss Miss P Wynne to Fred Timmis, **Take All** from B Pauling to Myles Osborne.

NEWCASTLE SKY

THE SCOUT

11.45 Gaelic Rover
12.15 Lyric
12.50 FAT HARRY (nb)
1.25 Daly Boy
2.00 Jamesieconn
2.35 Sugar Road
3.10 Tommy Combats
3.45 Diamond White

11.45 VIRGIN BET MAIDEN HURDLE (DIV 1)

£5,446 (Class 4) 2m 190yds (12 declared)

1	33	**ART DANCER (41)** C Grant 5 11-8	**W Maggs(5)**	–
2	67	**BIG JON (35)** R Menzies 6 11-8	**R Chapman**	–
3	FF-32	● **GAELIC ROVER (47)** Ruth Jefferson 5 11-8	**B Hughes**	★120
4	L3	**INTENZO (14)** M Walford 5 11-8	**J Hamilton**	88
5	7	**MADE ALL (41)** S England 5 11-8	**T Midgley(3)**	86
6	1	**SO PROUD (250) (T)** J & A O'Neill 5 11-8	**Jonjo O'Neill Jr**	–
7	3-	**SWINGFORTHEFENCE (279)** J Candlish 5 11-8	**Sean Quinlan**	–
8	54	**TAKEYOUTOTHEISLAND (32)** N Alexander 6 11-8	**B Lynn**	82
9	3	**WHO'S GLEN (24)** D McCain 5 11-8	**T Gillard**	111
10	5L	**BERWICK LAW (18)** I Jardine 5 11-1	**Craig Nichol**	65
11	580	**MIDNIGHT BELLA (20)** J Parkinson & S Smith 5 11-1	**P J Kavanagh**	64
12	6	**ROARIN' SUCCESS (18)** D McCain 6 11-1	**C Maggs(5)**	99

TONGUE STRAP: No. 5 HOOD: Nos. 2, 4, 10.

SP FORECAST: 6-4 Gaelic Rover, 7-4 So Proud, 4 Who's Glen, 16 Swingforthefence, 25 Roarin' Success, Art Dancer, Made All, Intenzo, 33 Others.

12.15 VIRGIN BET MAIDEN HURDLE (DIV 2)

£5,446 (4) 2m 190yds (12)

1	5173	**ALBA CRUS (30) (T)** W Greatrex 5 11-8	**J Bowen**	104
2	L9	**BLAZING ECHO (55)** Eloise Quayle 5 11-8	**B Lynn**	–
3	1-33	**FREDDIE STEADY GO (96)** S Corbett 5 11-8	**C Rabbitt(3)**	–
4	1/51-44	**IS THIS FOR REAL (35) (T)** F O'Brien 6 11-8	**L Harrison**	109
5	P/6PU-24	**KARMA DE COTTE (24)** Mrs J Stephen 6 11-8	**J Hamilton**	–
6		● **LYRIC (F257) (T)** J & A O'Neill 5 11-8	**Jonjo O'Neill Jr**	–
7	225-3	**NOBLE GEORGE (70)** J Candlish 6 11-8	**Sean Quinlan**	98
8	44-764	**SIEGE OF ACRES (18)** D McCain 5 11-8	**T Gillard**	93
9	889-734	**WALK ON SON (62)** L Russell & M Scudamore 6 11-8	**D R Fox**	103
10	1/58-2	**MADAME LA PAPILLON (40) (T)** C Dyson 6 11-1	**A Stevens(3)**	★116
11	1-L	**NEVERSHEDATEAR (47)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 5 11-1	**C Nichol**	63
12		**RUPERT THE PRINCE (F98)** R Menzies 4 10-9	**R Chapman**	–

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 3, 4 CHEEK PIECES: No. 12 HOOD: No. 8.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 10.

SP FORECAST: 3 Is This For Real, 4 Lyric, Madame La Papillon, 11-2 Freddie Steady Go, 8 Alba Crus, Walk On Son, 10 Noble George, 25 Others.

12.50 BORDER MINSTREL NOVICES' H'CAP CHASE

£4,700 (4) 2m 4f 19yds (8)

1	61-3114	**GLEN ROAD (20)** J Parkinson & S Smith 7 12-0	**P J Kavanagh**	–
2	63-8432	**JOECOOKER (20)** R Menzies 7 11-12	**J Hamilton**	121
3	44/13-7	**JUS DE CITRON (20) (T)** Harry Derham 7 11-10	**Paul O'Brien**	–
4	1505-35	**QUANTOCK HILLS (50) (T)** W Greatrex 5 11-7	**J Bowen**	108
5	40/2-42	**MOON PHASES (58)** L Russell & M Scudamore 7 11-5	**D R Fox**	122
6	323-112	● **FAT HARRY (43) (C&D,F)** J Parkinson & S Smith 9 11-2	**T Gillard**	119
7	593L-9P	**DUNNET HEAD (38)** L Russell & M Scudamore 8 10-11	**P W Wadge**	★123
8	3814-31	**POWEROFJET (62) (C)** M Todhunter 7 10-7	**C Bewley**	118

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 3, 7 CHEEK PIECES: No. 7.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 7, 1, 2, 4.

SP FORECAST: 7-2 Fat Harry, 4 Moon Phases, Joecooker, 5 Powerofjet, 11-2 Glen Road, 10 Quantock Hills, 12 Jus De Citron, 16 Dunnet Head.

2025: Rattling Road 8-11-5, Derek Fox 6-4 Fav (L Russell), 8 ran.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good to Soft. Left Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2021-26):** Brian Hughes 17% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2021-26):** R Menzies 11% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 2.00 Shadow Chaser (blinkers), Swallows Song (blinkers), 2.35 De Deli Counter (visor), Junkyard Dog (tongue strap), Cap Ricochet (tongue strap), 3.10 King Horse (cheek pieces), Emotional Roller (blinkers), Always A Reason (cheek pieces), 3.45 Finbarr (wind surgery), Khaleesi Queen (hood), 12.15 Freddie Steady Go (tongue strap), Siege Of Acres (hood), Rupert The Prince (cheek pieces), 12.50 Dunnet Head (wind surgery).

1.25 VIRGIN BET MAIDEN HURDLE (GBB RACE)

£5,446 (4) 2m 4f 62yds (16)

1	030	**AU PLAISIR (19)** R Menzies 5 11-10	**R Chapman**	–
2	4-12	**BATHARA (75) (T)** J & A O'Neill 5 11-10	**Jonjo O'Neill Jr**	–
3	L	**CHEMOULIN (42) (T)** C Longsdon 6 11-10	**D Bass**	107
4	P	**COLONEL JACK (40)** M Walford 5 11-10	**T Midgley(3)**	–
5	P-	**CRACKERSNAP (326)** Paul Robson 6 11-10	**R Mania**	–
6	23-2	● **DALY BOY (20)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 6 11-10	**C Nichol**	109
7	03-6	**EAGLE'S CAIRN (46)** N Alexander 6 11-10	**B Lynn**	96
8	F55622	**LEWISHAM GROVE (62)** J Candlish 5 11-10	**Sean Quinlan**	111
9	F7-4584	**LOULOU MADRIK (20)** M Walford 5 11-10	**Charlotte Jones**	88
10	F64-	**MR RAMOON (312)** S Corbett 6 11-10	**C Rabbitt(3)**	–
11	2-432	**PORT STATION (46)** I Jardine 6 11-10	**B Hughes**	112
12	451-22	**TIMEFORTOM (38)** L Russell & M Scudamore 6 11-10	**D R Fox**	★113
13	124/	**WORKHARDPLAYHARD (763)** T Easterby 7 11-10	**Mr W Easterby(5)**	–
14	33/5	**YORKSHIRE MAN SAM (17)** M Walford 8 11-10	**J Hamilton**	71
15	51L5	**SHINEALIGHT (20)** John Dawson 5 11-3	**C Maggs(5)**	106
16	1-PL	**TANTIVY VAVOOM (63)** Ruth Jefferson 6 11-3	**T Gillard**	69

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 2, 3. SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 13.

SP FORECAST: 5-2 Timefortom, 3 Lewisham Grove, 4 Daly Boy, 6 Port Station, Bathara, 14 Shinealight, 25 Others.

2.00 HIGH GOSFORTH PARK HANDICAP CHASE

£4,700 (4) 2m 7f 91yds (12)

1	1L553P/	**DONNA'S DOUBLE (768)** A Nicol 10 12-2	**R Mania**	–
2	221P-L2	**WALKING ON A DREAM (36)** L Russell & M Scudamore 7 12-2	**Jack Power(5)**	114
3	2-1323L	**GREAT NOTIONS (17)** Fiona Needham 7 12-2	**J Andrews(3)**	★115
4	71-L6PL	**CHEMICAL WARFARE (58) (C&D) (T)** D Pipe 9 12-2	**C O'Farrell**	112
5	20-4355	**SUNSET HILL (20)** S Corbett 7 12-1	**C Rabbitt(3)**	112
6	333P23	**SHADOWS IN THE SKY (25) (T)** J Owen 10 11-12	**A Chadwick(3)**	112
7	23-222L	**MIGHTY FLEUR (27) (T)** M Bowen 6 11-10	**J Bowen**	–
8	PL4-523	**COURT AT SLIP (17) (C&D,F)** T Easterby 9 11-4	**Mr W Easterby(5)**	112
9	6PP-277	**SHADOW CHASER (13)** A M Thomson 7 11-2	**B Hughes**	–
10	474-744	**SWALLOWS SONG (24)** I Jardine 8 10-10	**Sean Quinlan**	111
11	51473-2	● **JAMESIECONN (41)** N Richards 7 10-6	**C Bewley**	110
12	6P-5462	**UPTOWN HARRY (38)** Mrs J Walton 12 10-2	**C Maggs(5)**	113

BLINKERS: 8, 9, 10 VISOR: 12 TONGUE STRAP: 4, 11 CHEEK PIECES: 3, 6 HOOD: 7.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 8, 1, 6, 5, 10, 12, 2.

SP FORECAST: 9-2 Walking On A Dream, 5 Jamesieconn, 11-2 Shadows In The Sky, 8 Mighty Fleur, Swallows Song, 10 Others.

2.35 HIGH GOSFORTH PARK HANDICAP HURDLE

£3,248 (5) 2m 4f 62yds (17)

1	0/34-9	**MERRY SHUIL (61)** J Candlish 8 12-0	**Sean Quinlan**	92
2	234-P5U	**AQUITAINE BOY (35) (C&D)** Ruth Jefferson 11 11-11	**B Hughes**	100
3	4P5	● **SUGAR ROAD (20) (T)** J & A O'Neill 5 11-8	**Jonjo O'Neill Jr**	95
4	P63957	**CHER TARA (24) (D)** D Bourke 7 11-8	**C Bewley**	99
5	6-77123	**DROP KICK (32) (D,F)** M Walford 5 11-7	**J Hamilton**	100
6	P-76	**LADY PHOEBE (48)** A Nicol 5 11-7	**R Mania**	90
7	1-2L656	**SCAIRP DUBH (18)** J Parkinson & S Smith 6 11-6	**P J Kavanagh**	91
8	6P33P9	**LUMINARIES (24) (C&D)** Ewan Whillans 9 11-2	**P W Wadge**	★104
9	4L6P	**DE DELI COUNTER (69)** M Walford 5 11-1	**Charlotte Jones**	88
10	5U62-40	**CAP RICOCHET (76)** John Dawson 5 11-0	**C Maggs(5)**	101
11	3-44625	**LEADER WING (24)** G Boanas 6 11-0	**T Gillard**	100
12	3F73-0L	**LONG TIME LISTENER (48)** T Easterby 6 10-12	**T Midgley(3)**	96
13	0P/27-99	**RELIANCE KID (46)** A Wilson 7 10-11	**W Maggs(5)**	90
14	F8L6-L9	**STEEL SOLDIER (19)** J Norton 6 10-10	**C Rabbitt(3)**	89
15	345	**JUNKYARD DOG (48)** I Jardine 4 10-9	**Craig Nichol**	98
16	09L-3L4	**CHER MONSIEUR (44)** N Mulholland 6 10-7	**C O'Farrell**	100
17	6L87-46	**LADDIE COOPER MIA (45)** A Nicol 6 10-5	**J Thompson(7)**	98

VISOR: Nos. 9, 11 TONGUE STRAP: 8, 10, 15 CHEEK PIECES: 17 HOOD: No. 1.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 5.

SP FORECAST: 4 Drop Kick, 6 Sugar Road, 7 Leader Wing, 10 Merry Shuil, Junkyard Dog, Aquitaine Boy, Laddie Cooper Mia, 12 Others.

3.10 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP CHASE

£3,248 (5) 2m 4f 19yds (10)

1	41242-2	● **TOMMY COMBATS (75) (F)** M Todhunter 7 12-0	**C Bewley**	103
2	42U165	**TOO COOL FORSHRULE (24) (D)** Mrs J Stephen 7 11-12	**J Thompson(7)**	103
3	41PP1-1	**THE JAD FACTOR (40) (C&D)** A M Thomson 10 11-11	**P W Wadge**	98
4	465-512	**ALWAYS A REASON (32)** R Menzies 7 11-11	**R Chapman**	–
5	PUULP-7	**GANDHI MAKER (32) (C)** N Wilson 10 11-11	**Sean Quinlan**	–
6	40-3P5P	**STYLISH RECRUIT (48)** A M Thomson 8 11-9	**B Hughes**	104
7	2316-75	**EMPTY NEST (55) (C&D)** M Walford 8 11-9	**J Hamilton**	103
8	325-235	**EMOTIONAL ROLLER (15)** J Parkinson & S Smith 8 11-2	**P J Kavanagh**	★105
9	6-4LL60	**KING HORSE (20)** Paul Robson 6 11-2	**Doubtful**	–
10	PPL8-P7	**GOODOLDBILL (35) (C)** Mrs J Walton 10 10-2	**C Maggs(5)**	77

BLINKERS: No. 8 VISOR: 3 TONGUE STRAP: 3, 5, 6, 7 CHEEK PIECES: 4, 6, 9, 10.
SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 5, 10, 6, 3, 1, 2.

SP FORECAST: 5-2 Tommy Combats, 3 The Jad Factor, 4 Always A Reason, 6 Too Cool Forshrule, 10 Stylish Recruit, Emotional Roller, 12 Others.

2025: The Jad Factor 9-11-0, Ryan Mania 4-1 (A M Thomson), 9 ran.

3.45 RACEDAY READY APP OPEN NH FLAT

£2,451 (5) 2m 190yds (16)

1	3P/11	**KILARO (24) (F)** T Easterby 6 11-12	**Mr Paddy Barlow(7)**	97
2	51	**RONNIE RUSSET (35) (C&D)** J O'Keeffe 5 11-12	**B Hughes**	94
3	4	**CASPADA (41)** D McCain 5 11-5	**C Maggs(5)**	93
4	3	**COWBOY CASANOVA (67) (T)** M Bowen 5 11-5	**J Bowen**	–
5	0	**CREDIT UNION (35)** R Menzies 5 11-5	**A Anderson(5)**	77
6		**FINBARR** Ruth Jefferson 6 11-5	**R Mania**	–
7		**HIGHLAND LADDIE** A M Thomson 6 11-5	**C Bewley**	–
8	L-3	**LAST MAN STANDING (35)** R Menzies 6 11-5	**Craig Nichol**	96
9		**MASTER JACK** A Wilson 5 11-5	**W Maggs(5)**	–
10	6	**MHORDART (35)** C Grant 5 11-5	**P J Kavanagh**	87
11	22-4	**RED DART (91)** S Corbett 6 11-5	**Doubtful**	96
12	5B1	**VALTTERI ITS JAMES (74)** L Russell & M Scudamore 5 11-5	**Jack Power(5)**	–
13	2-3	● **DIAMOND WHITE (30) (T)** J & A O'Neill 5 10-12	**Jonjo O'Neill Jr**	★98
14	0	**KHALEESI QUEEN (66)** M Hammond 6 10-12	**J Thompson(7)**	46
15	0	**MAGGI BREEZE (15)** G Boanas 6 10-12	**T Gillard**	–
16	12-1	**ROYAL MAGGS (255)** M Walford 6 10-12	**J Hamilton**	–

HOOD: No. 14.

SP FORECAST: 3 Diamond White, 4 Kilaro, 5 Valtteri Its James, 7 Ronnie Russet, 8 Cowboy Casanova, 12 Finbarr, Royal Maggs, Last Man Standing, 14 Others.

2025: Stride On 5-11-4, Conner McCann(7) 7-2 (L Russell), 8 ran.

BEATEN FAVOURITES: 12.50 Fat Harry(hcp ch), Glen Road(hcp hdl), Joecooker(hcp ch), Moon Phases(hcp ch), Quantock Hills(hcp ch). 1.25 Timefortom. 2.00 Jamesieconn(hcp ch), Mighty Fleur. 2.35 Drop Kick(hcp hdl), Laddie Cooper Mia(hcp hdl), Leader Wing(hcp hdl). 3.10 Stylish Recruit(hcp ch), Too Cool Forshrule(hcp ch). **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Mighty Fleur** (2.00) & **Cowboy Casanova** (3.45) 434 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 12.15 **Rupert The Prince** from P Butler to R Menzies. 11.45 **So Proud** from D Cantillon to J & A O'Neill. 1.25 **Crackersnap** from Nick Orpwood to Paul Robson, **Mr Ramoon** from Thomas Byrne to S Corbett. 2.00 **Donna's Double** from A M Thomson to A Nicol. 3.45 **Cowboy Casanova** from C Bowe in Ireland to M Bowen, **Royal Maggs** from J Teal to M Walford, **Valtteri Its James** from Robert Tector to L Russell & M Scudamore.

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THE SCOUT

5.30 Variety Act
6.00 Blue Eclipse
6.30 My Boy Harry
7.00 Invincible Melody
7.30 Carlton
8.00 Flicka's Girl
8.30 DESERT HEART (trb)

5.30 RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)

£4,449 (Class 5) 1m (7 declared)

1	(6)	34-	**DADDY CHILL (307)** P Chamings 4 10-2	**Charlie Tucker(7)**	65
2	(7)	33522-6	**GENNADIUS (7) (F)** R Hannon 4 10-2	**S M Levey**	★70
3	(2)		**HENGIST POD (T)** C Johnston 3 8-10	**J Hart**	–
4	(5)	8	**TONYFROMHR (12)** J Osborne 3 8-10	**R Hornby**	20
5	(1)	2-	● **VARIETY ACT (50) (F)** Sir M Prescott 3 8-10	**L Morris**	66
6	(3)	5	**DOR'S DAZZLER (12)** D Ivory 3 8-5	**J F Egan**	45
7	(4)	65-	**VERY DEMURE (26)** A Watson 3 8-5	**H Doyle**	58

SP FORECAST: 13-8 Variety Act, 5-2 Gennadius, 4 Hengist Pod, 7 Daddy Chill, 12 Tonyfromhr, 16 Very Demure, 66 Dor's Dazzler.

6.00 CHELMSFORD MILE SERIES Q'FYING H'CAP

£3,926 (6) 1m (8)

1	(3)	183685-	**MY MATE MIKE (161) (C)** D Ivory 6 9-9	**R Havlin**	★75
2	(1)	320363-	**LEXINGTON JET (27)** D Loughnane 4 9-9	**H Doyle**	72
3	(5)	429LL-5	**MY AWELE (12)** C Allen 5 9-9	**D Keenan**	68
4	(7)	04732-4	**PITNEY (12) (D)** M Attwater 5 9-9	**S M Levey**	74
5	(8)	11448-6	**UNION ISLAND (12) (C&D) (T)** C Johnston 5 9-8	**J Mitchell**	71
6	(2)	680074-	● **BLUE ECLIPSE (19) (C,F)** J Tate 4 9-8	**R Hornby**	72
7	(4)	12235-4	**POETIC FORCE (5) (D)** A Carroll 12 9-7	**Jack Doughty**	67
8	(6)	5453L5-	**FILLYFUDGE (26) (C)** Lemos Souza 7 9-0	**G Wood**	72

BLINKERS: No. 2 VISOR: No. 4 TONGUE STRAP: No. 3
CHEEK PIECES: No. 8.

SP FORECAST: 9-4 Blue Eclipse, 4 My Mate Mike, 5 Pitney, 6 Union Island, 7 Fillyfudge, 10 Lexington Jet, 14 My Awele, Poetic Force.

6.30 7TH MARCH UK GARAGE RACEDAY H'CAP

£3,664 (6) 7f (6)

1	(4)	62628-5	● **MY BOY HARRY (13) (D)** J & S Best 4 9-9	**L Morris**	★66
2	(3)	4643-36	**KONDRATIEV WAVE (4) (C&D)** A Carroll 9 9-8	**W Carson**	65
3	(6)	4L1L5-4	**KESSAAR POWER (9) (C)** P McEntee 6 9-7	**H Crouch**	63
4	(2)	3278-04	**TOOTSIE (4)** P McEntee 4 9-2	**Grace McEntee**	57
5	(5)	788L49-	**STRAIGHT BACK UP (29)** Dr R Newland & J Insole 4 9-1	**H Doyle**	64
6	(1)	83767L-	**UNITED FORCE (38) (C,D)** C Hobson 6 9-0	**M Ghiani**	53

BLINKERS: No. 1 TONGUE STRAP: No. 4 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 4 HOOD: No. 5.

SP FORECAST: 11-8 Kondratiev Wave, 7-2 My Boy Harry, 5 Tootsie, 6 Kessaar Power, 8 Straight Back Up, 16 United Force.

7.00 FOR THE LOVE OF HORSES HANDICAP

£4,449 (5) 6f (8)

1	(6)	484811-	**LAZZAR (15) (D,F)** R Hughes 4 9-9	**F Marsh**	80
2	(4)	14L/284-	**SIOBHANBROGAN (45) (D)** H Palmer 5 9-9	**J Hart**	★81
3	(1)	41/9708-	**STAPLEFORD PARK (136)** M Attwater 4 9-6	**R Havlin**	69
4	(5)	081249-	**MASSIMO BLUE (48) (D)** G Baker 4 9-6	**J Mitchell**	77
5	(8)	0/26676-	**DARN HOT TIME (33)** Dr R Newland & J Insole 4 9-1	**H Doyle**	75
6	(3)	6275-42	● **INVINCIBLE MELODY (11) (F)** S C Williams 4 9-0	**J Dace(5)**	79
7	(7)	L4384-8	**BURABACK (13) (C,D)** D Shaw 7 8-10	**L Edmunds**	79
8	(2)	65415-2	**VITALLINE (5) (C&D)** Kieran Burke 8 8-4	**T Heard**	78

VISOR: Nos. 2, 6, 8 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 4, 8 HOOD: No. 5.

SP FORECAST: 15-8 Lazzar, 3 Invincible Melody, 4 Vitalline, 8 Massimo Blue, 12 Siobhanbrogan, Buraback, 16 Darn Hot Time, 20 Stapleford Park.

7.30 CURRY AND RACING TONIGHT HANDICAP

£4,449 (5) 1m 5f 66yds (7)

1	(1)	415221-	● **CARLTON (J90) (C&D,F)** James Owen 6 9-13	**S D Bowen**	79
2	(3)	5L5954-	**PLEASANT MAN (18)** Joey Ramsden 8 9-13	**L Edmunds**	★80
3	(5)	3013/47-	**PARRAMOUNT (J27)** C Longsdon 10 9-10	**Jack Doughty**	69
4	(4)	771412-	**MUST BELIEVE (26)** I Mohammed 4 9-9	**H Crouch**	76
5	(2)	16LL88-	**ATLANTIC SUNSET (30) (T)** C Johnston 4 9-8	**J Hart**	63
6	(6)	341123-	**VERAISON (29)** Dr R Newland & J Insole 4 9-8	**H Doyle**	78
7	(7)	566203-	**RELOCAL (44)** R Varian 4 9-4	**J Mitchell**	78

BLINKERS: No. 7 VISOR: Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 CHEEK PIECES: No. 3 HOOD: No. 6.

SP FORECAST: 2 Carlton, 3 Must Believe, 4 Relocal, 7 Veraison, 8 Parramount, 12 Pleasant Man, 16 Atlantic Sunset.

GOSSIP FROM THE GALLOPS

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TRACK FACTS: GOING: Standard. Left Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2021-26):** Marco Ghiani 16% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2021-26):** S C Williams 13% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 6.00 Fillyfudge (cheek pieces), Lexington Jet (blinkers), 6.30 My Boy Harry (blinkers), 7.00 Siobhanbrogan (visor), 8.30 Vice President (hood), Rodoya (blinkers). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 6.00 Blue Eclipse(hcp), My Mate Mike(hcp). 6.30 Kondratiev Wave(hcp). 7.30 Carlton(hcp hdl). **DRAW:** Little effect. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Hengist Pod** (5.30), **Union Island** (6.00), **Atlantic Sunset** (7.30) 230 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 5.30 **Daddy Chill** from A Balding to P Chamings. 6.00 **My Mate Mike** from J R Jenkins to D Ivory. 8.30 **Bubbles Wonky** from T Easterby to M Pattinson.

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COURT DRAMA Sinner (in black) was eliminated by Smith

A MILLION TO ONE SHOT

FROM **YASMIN SYED**
in Melbourne

A CLUB tennis player defied the odds as he bagged one million Australian dollars for playing, and winning, just six points.

Jordan Smith, an amateur, stunned two-time reigning Australian Open champion Jannik Sinner on his way to lifting the One Point Slam trophy.

The unique tournament, staged during the Australian Open's opening week, saw the professionals take on amateurs, with £500,000 (A$1m) on the line. To level the playing field, the professionals were allowed one serve, while the amateurs had two.

It proved crucial for Smith as world No.2 Sinner sent the ball straight into the net while serving against Smith in the third round.

The Sydneysider kept it going, beating professionals Amanda Anisimova and Pedro Martinez, before facing WTA No.117 Joanna Garland in the final, while his loved ones cheered him on from the stands. Stevenage-born Garland, who represents Chinese Taipei, caused upsets of her own against Alexander Zverev, Maria Sakkari, and Nick Kyrgios, but sent the ball wide during the final, handing Smith the victory - and a million dollars.

The amateur lifted his arms into the air and put them behind his head, staring at the Rod Laver Arena roof in disbelief.

A delighted Smith told the crowd: "I'm kind of speechless. I'll definitely buy a house." The 29-year-old started playing tennis aged three and was a promising junior, winning titles in singles and doubles, but never made it professionally.

But he has still achieved what every young Australian tennis player dreams of - lifting a trophy on Rod Laver Arena.

❑ **HARRIET DART'S** Australian Open dream is over after the Briton was beaten 6-0 3-6 6-3 in qualifying by Lanlana Tararudee of Thailand.

HOME WIN Aussie Smith gave Rod Laver Arena a lift

Luke who's back to work

CHAMP RETURNS IN BAHRAIN

DARTS

BY **RICHARD LEWIS**

LUKE LITTLER will pick up his darts again this week and look to add to his extraordinary record - just a week before he turns 19.

The double world champion returns to action at the Bahrain Masters, at the start of a year which will end with him seeking his third successive title at Ally Pally.

Twelve months ago, Littler was knocked out in the quarter-finals in Bahrain, losing 6-2 to Gerwyn Price.

But it was the year before in Bahrain that was such a landmark moment for Littler.

Not only did he lift the title with an 8-5 win over Michael van Gerwen in the final, but he also achieved a nine-dart finish in his quarter-final with Nathan Aspinall.

He was still 16 at the time and it was his first PDC senior title.

After this event, which starts today and ends tomorrow, Littler will then play in the Riyadh Season Saudi Arabia Darts Masters next week, before he heads to Dubai with his family to celebrate his birthday.

Littler said: "I am the back-to-back [world] champion. But anything can happen in darts.

"You can have a bad day. You can have a good day. After the [world] final, I said I would see everyone in Bahrain. That is when I will throw my first dart.

"I have got a lot of years left in me in this sport. It's all I ever wanted to do and now I'm here, at the top, I want to stay at the top for as long as possible. When I turned No.1, there was a list of world No.1s, Phil Taylor was up there for thousands and thousands of days. I want to go on and break his record for the most amount of days at world No.1.

"It does go to show the confidence that I have. I am playing on all these big stages all year round.

"Like I've always said, chase your dreams. Keep going. Don't listen to anyone. If you want to get a tour card, get a tour card. If you want to be world champion, go and be world champion and chase those dreams."

Littler has been handed an eye-catching tie against 71-year-old Paul Lim in the first round of the Bahrain Masters.

TITLE HOLDER Littler with his second world crown

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WORLD OF SPORT

Lam pokes Bears to create Euro history

BY **ADAM HATHAWAY**

RUGBY UNION

BRISTOL boss Pat Lam has told his side to prepare for the biggest game since the club was founded 138 years ago.

The Bears host Champions Cup holders Bordeaux-Begles on Sunday. The squad only got back to training yesterday after Saturday's 61-49 win over the Bulls, at altitude in Pretoria, but Lam is eyeing a new high.

A win this weekend gives them a shot at joining Europe's elite. Lam said: "We're in a historic situation and that is what I dreamed of when I arrived. This is the most important game in the club's history."

LAM

Bristol are hopeful Louis Rees-Zammit will be fit.

❑ FIN SMITH is a doubt for England's Six Nations opener with a calf injury, while the same issue means opponents Wales will miss No.8 Taulupe Faletau for the first three games.

THE BIG PICTURE

SAND STORM: Saood Variawa at the Dakar Rally

Judd a peaky blinder

BY **SHANE MACDERMOTT**

SNOOKER

JUDD TRUMP turned on the style as he made the perfect start to his quest for a memorable hat-trick of Masters crowns.

The Juddernaut cruised to an impressive 6-2 victory against Ding Junhui in a one-sided first round affair at Alexandra Palace.

It set up the world No.1 for a mouthwatering quarter-final showdown with Northern Ireland's Mark Allen tonight. Trump, who knocked in three century breaks, said: "I love coming back here every year, it's a delight to play for the crowd here.

"I'm full of confidence and peaking. I've got to a few finals recently, so hopefully I can go one better this week.

"It would be an amazing achievement to win this event, this is my favourite tournament.

"Every match feels like a final."

10 to tackle

1. Which Briton won men's 400m freestyle at the European Short Course Swimming Championships last month?
2. **How many golds did Summer McIntosh win at the 2025 World Aquatics Championships in Singapore?**
3. Who won both Enduro 1 races in last year's FIM Enduro World Championship Round 4, in the UK?
4. **What is the first name of Kasper Schmeichel's goalkeeper father?**
5. Which county cricket club won the first two Gillette Cups, in 1963 and 1964?
6. **Which British boxer beat Duke McKenzie to claim his IBF flyweight title in 1989?**
7. Which American was Olympic men's singles figure skating gold medallist in 1948 and 1952?
8. **Dentist Coburn Haskell is credited with inventing the ball that became standard in which sport at the turn of the 20th century?**
9. Which Australian tennis player holds the record for the most men's Grand Slam titles, 12 singles and 16 doubles?
10. **What nationality is Ike "Bazooka" Quartey, WBA Welterweight champion from 1994 to 1997?**

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0-3 Oh dear
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10 Sporting Seer

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TOMMY GUNNING FOR GREATS

FLEETWOOD OUT TO CATCH TOP TWO McILROY AND SCHEFFLER THIS YEAR

BY **NEIL McLEMAN**

TOMMY FLEETWOOD will target closing the "clear gap" to Scottie Scheffler and Rory McIlroy at the top of the world rankings in 2026.

The world No.3 is now the nearest pursuer of the top two after winning his first PGA Tour event at the Tour Championships and claiming his eighth DP World Tour title in India.

The Ryder Cup star will start his new campaign defending his Dubai Invitational title today, with Masters champion McIlroy also in the field.

Fleetwood held off the Northern Irishman to win this biennial event in 2024. And the Dubai-based star claims he now has an "amazing opportunity" to overhaul golf's two superstars, who will go down as all-time greats.

"I would love to," said Fleetwood.

"There is a clear gap, those two guys are definitely the best golfers in the world. I'm just one of the players in the pack behind that has some catching up to do there.

"Look at every aspect of my game, where I can improve, where I can pick the smallest amount of shots up to those guys.

"But it's an amazing challenge, starting the year in a different position than I've ever been, world No.3, and that's cool and exciting to think about trying to maintain the level that I've reached.

"That's the first thing to do. Challenging the top two players in the world, I'm not going to say that that's something that I'm not focused on and not interested in. That's a long road

TIGER WAS ON BOARD

BY **NEIL McLEMAN**

TIGER WOODS has revealed his role in the return of Brooks Koepka to the PGA Tour – and called the five-time Major winner a "top-three-of-his-generation player".

Woods said Koepka (left) wrote to the PGA Tour on December 23 – the same day he announced he was leaving LIV Golf with a year left on his contract. The 2023 US PGA winner can return this month under the Return Members Program for big-name stars.

Woods has been a vocal critic of LIV Golf – and now chairs the PGA Tour's Future Competition Committee and is also a member of the PGA Tour policy board.

The 15-time Major winner said: "We took that letter and then took it to both boards and tried to implement a plan that would be fair and adequate, that justifies Brooks' time away from our tour, the penalties served, the fines if necessary, what the integration would look like on our tour, and obviously the bonus payouts, yes or no.

"We had lots of subsequent meetings, worked through the holidays. There were no days off. We just worked through it day ahead. That's not going to happen next week or in a couple of months' time.

"I have to really just stick in, work on my game. It's an amazing opportunity. When we look back at this time, those two are going to be very high up there in the greatest players of all time.

"To be the next guy – that could change next week or in a month, whatever that may be – it's cool and special and I love the fact that I am in the mix.

"It's a massive compliment to me and it's something that's really exciting." World No.2 McIlroy will play the opening two rounds with his friend Shane Lowry (left).

South African Jayden Schaper is seeking a hat-trick of successive titles on the DP World Tour after winning the Alfred Dunhill Championship and Mauritius Open last month. All players, caddies and staff will wear black armbands in memory of Emanuele Galeppini and the 39 others who died in the Crans Montana bar fire on New Year's Eve. Galeppini was Dubai Creek Club's incoming Under-16s captain.

Jordan Spieth, Collin Morikawa, JJ Spaun and Keegan Bradley are in the field at the Sony Open in Hawaii. Scheffler will play his first event of the year at The American Express in California on January 22.

> 'It's special. I love the fact that I'm in the mix'

GRABBING HIS CHANCE Fleetwood's win at the Tour Championship has boosted his confidence of closing the gap to McIlroy (far left) and world No.1 Scheffler (left)

TO BRING BROOKS BACK HOME

after day after day, and we came out with a plan that we unveiled.

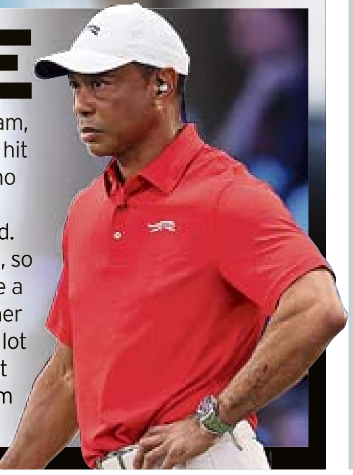
"We get a probably top-three-of-his-generation player back that went to another tour, played over there, and was adamant about coming back here.

"That says a lot about the PGA Tour, where we're headed, what we have done, what we accomplished and the players who have stayed and who have supported the Tour. Having another world-class player that these guys are going to try to beat, that's what the fans demanded."

To avoid a one-year ban, Koepka agreed to make a $5 million [£3.7 m] donation to charity and be excluded from the Player Equity Program for the next five years. The PGA Tour estimate that will cost him $50 m-85 m. "There's some punitive damages there, but it's a meritocracy; that's what makes our game so great," Woods (right) added. "He has the ability to earn his way up to signature events. There's no reason why we should hold him back."

Woods, 50, had another back operation – thought to be his seventh – in October to replace a disc. Speaking at the TGL match featuring his Jupiter Links team, he reported he is only able to hit short and mid-irons and has no return date.

"I will be very rusty," he said. "There's a lot that goes into it, so my prep is going to have to be a little bit different from my other procedures. I've had to stay a lot more patient with myself. I get sore faster, I guess because I'm 50. And that happens."



Changes could mean a great deal to Bryson

BY **NEIL McLEMAN**

BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU has committed to playing the final year of his LIV Golf contract.

But the double Major champion, who is in a strong negotiating position following the departure of Brooks Koepka, added: "I have no idea what's going to happen in a year."

And LIV Golf will need to offer the Californian mega money to keep their biggest star on the breakaway league from 2027.

Koepka has been allowed to return immediately to the PGA Tour this month without any ban under the new Returning Member Program for players who have won Majors since 2022.

DeChambeau (left), Jon Rahm and Cam Smith are also eligible to return under the new scheme, but have been given a February 2 deadline by the PGA Tour. The LIV season starts in Saudi Arabia on February 4.

The American could seek up to $500 million to re-sign a new deal.

Talking at the captain's press conference at the LIV media day in Florida, DeChambeau gave a far-from committed answer when asked about Koepka's departure and his future.

"I had no idea that that would happen," said the 2024 US Open winner. "No idea what the penalties would even be. I'm contracted through 2026, so I'm excited about this year."

Speaking to Today's Golfer, he added: "I have no idea what's going to happen in a year.

"Whether I'm here or not next year, I'm excited for this year, playing and competing with some of the best players in the world, competing in the Majors, and then giving it my all every single week I tee it up, no matter where I'm at."

Rahm was the last big-name LIV signing in December 2023 and is understood to have two years left on his contract - and faces big penalties for leaving earlier.

The Spaniard, who won the 2023 Masters, said: "I'm not planning on going anywhere. I wish Brooks the best. As far as I'm concerned, I'm focused on the league and my team this year, and hopefully we can repeat as champions again."

Belgian Thomas Detry has joined LIV Golf and Dustin Johnson's 4Aces GC team for the 2026 season.

U-TURN Wane had said he would stay on

Wane quits before the World Cup

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY **JOSH MCALLISTER**

SHAUN WANE has left as England head coach just nine months before the World Cup.

Wane said leading England had been the "honour of his life" but believes now is the right time to step down.

The 61-year-old has spent six years in charge of the national side, succeeding Wayne Bennett in February 2020.

During his tenure, the former Wigan Warriors head coach led England to series victories over Tonga and Samoa.

But his side also suffered a heartbreaking semi-final defeat to Samoa at the 2022 Rugby League World Cup on home soil.

Last year, Wane was unable to steer England to victory against Australia in the first Ashes series for 22 years.

The Kangaroos completed a 3-0 whitewash on their tour, leaving Wane's future in doubt. He subsequently claimed there was "no question" he was the right man to lead England into the World Cup.

But the RFL have now confirmed he has stepped down with immediate effect.

"After careful reflection I believe the time is right to step aside and allow the programme to move forward into its next chapter," Wane said.

"The privilege of leading my country in a World Cup, an Ashes Series on home soil and securing victories over Tonga and Samoa will live long in the memory. I'm incredibly grateful to all the players, coaches and staff I've worked alongside during that time."

The RFL have confirmed that Wane's successor will be employed on a part-time basis.

England do not have a mid-season fixture scheduled in preparation for the World Cup, where they will kick-off their campaign against Tonga on October 17 before facing France and Papua New Guinea in the group stages.

RFL interim chief executive Abi Ekoku said: "Shaun has not only led England with pride, passion and a considerable level of insight; his diligence has set new standards."

Vitinha's doing it for Diogo

BY **PAUL GORST**

PORTUGAL midfielder Vitinha says his side are determined to win this summer's World Cup in memory of Diogo Jota.

Liverpool favourite Jota died last July with his brother, Andre Silva, following a car crash in northern Spain as the Reds' No.20 was making his way back to England for pre-season training.

Jota's international colleague Vitinha (both above) has explained how the national side are now aiming to become world champions this summer to dedicate it to their former team-mate.

"It's difficult to talk about it," said Paris St-Germain star Vitinha after winning the Best Midfielder Award at the recent Globe Soccer Awards in Dubai, a ceremony attended by Jota's parents, Isabel and Joaquim, to accept the Special Award on behalf of their son.

"Nobody wants to be in this kind of situation. It was a sad and tragic loss.

"Mainly, I imagine what it is like for the parents, for the wife, for the children.

"We want to win it, not just because it's a World Cup and it's everybody's dream, but for him as well.

"I think we can go far. I think we are one of the candidates, but I won't put us as favourites."

MANE OF MATCH Ndiaye and Mane celebrate

MO PAIN Salah may have waved goodbye to final AFCON chance

STING OF EGYPT

SENEGAL	1
Mane 78	
EGYPT	0

Mane slays Salah once again as Lions book their final spot

SADIO MANE once again proved to be the scourge of former Liverpool team-mate Mo Salah last night, with his late goal sending Senegal to the AFCON final.

It was Mane who famously netted the decisive spot-kick in the final shoot-out four years ago to win the AFCON over Egypt and deny Salah the chance of claiming the one piece of silverware he admits he craves most.

And that remains a fantasy still after Senegal emerged victorious from a one-sided semi-final in Tangier.

Salah can have little complaint about the outcome, given Egypt failed to produce a shot on target until the dying moments and almost exclusively defended.

He had scored four times prior to this last-four clash but endured a frustrating evening at Stade Ibn-Batouta, with his team only able to produce three shots to ensure his wait for a continental title extends.

But there were celebrations of joy and relief among the Teranga Lions fans.

Throughout the game, 33-year-old former Liverpool forward Mane showed flashes of the destructive qualities Premier League fans became used to during his six years at Anfield.

And when the ball dropped to Mane at the edge of the box late on, he instinctively powered it beyond Egypt goalkeeper Mohamed El Shenawy.

The fact that up until Mane's winner the biggest talking point was a touchline disagreement told its own story. That was caused by an innocuous challenge from Salah on Mane near the end of a tepid first 45 minutes.

The pair, who endured a fractured relationship during their time on Merseyside, embraced in the tunnel ahead of the game and it felt inevitable one would provide the decisive moment.

There were no tears at the game's conclusion from Salah, who will surely wonder whether his final AFCON opportunity has passed him by.

He stood in quiet disbelief on the pitch, contemplating the thought of his old adversary lifting the trophy once again.

For Mane, Sunday's final will be the end of his AFCON journey.

He said: "A final is there to be won. For me personally, I will be very happy to play my last final of an Africa Cup. I will try to enjoy it and win for my country."

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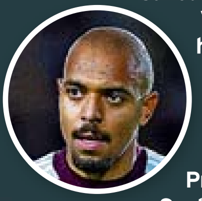
VILLA PROFIT

BY **ALEX DICKEN**

ASTON VILLA forward Donyell Malen has agreed to join Italian side AS Roma on loan.

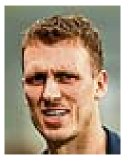
Villa will bank a £2million loan fee before Malen (right) joins Roma on a permanent basis for £25m in the summer.



The Dutchman only joined Villa from Borussia Dortmund last January. With seven goals across all competitions, only Morgan Rogers has scored more for Villa this season. The £27m Villa will bank is a profit on the £21m they paid Dortmund, which may give an indication as to why Unai Emery has sanctioned the sale.

Villa are having to wheel and deal to improve their squad within Profit and Sustainability Regulations (PSR).

Malen departs after just 35 Premier League appearances, of which seven were starts, to join a Roma side sitting fifth in Serie A.



Burn: Title bid is out of our depth

BY **SIMON CASS**

DAN BURN has admitted Newcastle are not yet ready to mount a challenge for the Premier League title.

The Blyth battler (above) is back from the serious lung and rib injury he suffered against Sunderland in the next fortnight.

But Newcastle's squad is feeling the strain of a tough season for a third year in a row.

"The way the game is going, it is so quick and there are so many games," said the defender. "You need a big squad, and you need to rotate for games.

"I'm sure the gaffer said the other week, we are not a team ready to challenge for the title.

"We have been pretty inconsistent, so I can understand why there was a little bit of frustration among the fans.

"If we can't win the league, the cups are the things we can attack."

BRAD TIDING

LIVERPOOL defender Conor Bradley is focused on making a full recovery after surgery on a season-ending knee injury.

The Northern Ireland international, 22, was carried off in the closing stages of the Reds' goalless draw at Premier League leaders Arsenal.

He faces a race to make this summer's World Cup, should his country survive the play-offs.

"A big blow but surgery is done, so the comeback starts now," Bradley (below) posted on Instagram. "It won't be for a little while, but I already can't wait to get back playing. Thanks for all the support."

Arsenal forward Gabriel Martinelli apologised for throwing the ball at Bradley and then attempting to push him off the pitch as he lay injured on the turf.

The right-back has played 21 times this season for Liverpool.

FOOTBALL LATEST

- TOTTENHAM and Aston Villa have been charged with misconduct by the FA. Tempers flared at full-time after Villa forward Ollie Watkins celebrated his side's 2-1 FA Cup win in front of Joao Palhinha, with players from both teams wading in.
- **LEEDS striker Harry Gray has joined League One side Rotherham on loan until the end of the season. The 17-year-old, younger brother of Tottenham's Archie Gray, has scored 11 goals in 13 games for Leeds' Under-21s this season.**
- EVERTON academy midfielder Malik Olayiwola, 17, has signed his first professional contract with the club, penning a deal until June 2028. He was named in a senior squad for the first time last Saturday for Everton's FA Cup third-round tie against Sunderland.
- **LIONESSES star Michelle Agyemang has ended her loan at Brighton to recover from a season-ending knee injury at parent club Arsenal.**

Time to put some daylight between VAR and offside

COMMENT

By Andy Dunn

IN ROME in 1999, Hicham El Guerrouj – the Moroccan middle distance athlete – had run a mile, showered and started his media duty in the time it took for Antoine Semenyo's second goal to be disallowed at St James' Park on Tuesday night.

Well, not quite, but you get the point.

El Guerrouj's world mile record stands at 3 mins 43.13secs and it took officials 5:30 to cancel Semenyo's effort.

It does not take much longer for the winning horse to complete the 3.3-mile Gold Cup course at Cheltenham. And they have 22 fences to jump.

Even by VAR standards, it was peak farce and the VAR abolitionists – of which there were already many – had a bumper recruitment night.

It was hard not to join them. But the reality is that VAR is not going to be abolished.

FIFA, for goodness sake, plan on using VAR to check on the legitimacy of corner-kick decisions and second yellow cards at the World Cup this summer.

That should not stop the sensible English from deciding the game is better without VAR, surely? Didn't everyone see how much fun the VAR-free FA Cup was last weekend?

Er, no. When Wolves put forward a proposal to scrap VAR in June 2024, they lost the vote at the Premier League meeting 19-1, the one being Wolves.

VAR is here to stay, so its application is what needs radically altering.

A time limit would be a start. Anything that goes beyond 90 seconds, forget it. Sixty, even.

And change the 'clear and obvious' threshold to a 'blindingly obvious' threshold.

But a most significant change would be to meet VAR halfway on the most contentious – and often time-consuming – area of its jurisdiction – offside.

It has been reported that the home associations will oppose FIFA's desire to give new trials to Arsene Wenger's proposed, radical change to the offside rule.

And that is a shame. Wenger – in one of his more noteworthy contributions as FIFA's chief of global football development – has suggested a fundamental alteration to footballing law that would mean there needed to be clear daylight between a defender and attacker for offside to be given.

And none of this torso, arms and legs stuff – an attacker would be onside unless there was clear daylight between them and any part of a defender's body.

Essentially, where VAR does not exist, that is pretty much how offside is judged anyway. And it is becoming quite clear the semi-automated systems out there do not work properly. Hence, we needed the line-drawing as part of that lamentable delay at St James' Park.

Opponents of Wenger's proposal say it is too drastic and will shift the offside rule too much in favour of the attackers.

To which the obvious retort is... and your point is?

It will be the same for both teams and the more welcome aspect would be a significant reduction in the timescale of VAR offside decisions.

Sadly, for many, VAR is not going to be abolished. But it needs all the help it can get and Wenger's Law would be a start.

WAIT SHOWS SYSTEM IS IN NEED OF A REBOOT

HuwsGray
ETIHAD AIRWAYS

A GOOD POINT Semenyo after it took more than five minutes for his flick (inset) to be ruled out

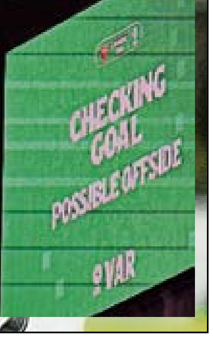
BODY BLOW TO THE TECH

THE delay in ruling out a Manchester City goal for offside in Tuesday's Carabao Cup win at Newcastle was extended because semi-automated offside technology could not be used.

It took more than five minutes to determine that Erling Haaland was offside and had interfered with play by holding defender Malick Thiaw, with referee Chris Kavanagh disallowing what would have been a second goal of the night for Antoine Semenyo.

The check would have been significantly quicker if semi-automated offside technology (SAOT) had been available, but the number of bodies in the box at the time of the incident meant it could not be used.

Officials instead had to revert to the old system of drawing crosshairs because of the number of bodies in the box. The Premier League website refers to such incidents where SAOT cannot be used as "edge cases".



FIRST AID Carrick must lift the team's spirits to help revive United

Rio: First goal is managing United's confidence levels

BY **KASRA MORADI** AND **TOM SUNDERLAND**

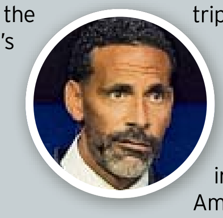
RIO FERDINAND has told Michael Carrick that his priority as Manchester United manager should be to rebuild his players' shattered confidence.

Carrick was announced as the club's interim boss following the sacking of Ruben Amorim.

The former Red Devils midfielder, who enjoyed a short undefeated run as caretaker boss in 2021, will lead the team until the end of the season.

Carrick, who was let go by Middlesbrough seven months ago, faces a tough mission to secure Champions League qualification for United.

They are seventh in the Premier League table, just one point shy of fifth place, but have struggled defensively. By the end of Amorim's 14-month tenure, the players were noticeably playing within themselves, an issue that Ferdinand (above) says Carrick must tackle immediately.



The former defender suggested that Carrick should aim to boost morale by first securing positive results, while possibly adopting a more defensive and less expansive style of play.

Speaking on Rio Ferdinand Presents, he said: "He's got to instil confidence back into this team. It doesn't matter what players you've got or how good they are, they'll never give the best version of themselves if they're lacking confidence.

"There are things he's going to have to do behind the scenes to bring them together and to make them start believing in themselves, through training and creating patterns. But then it's down to results. They've got to find a way of getting results.

"If that, for the moment, means playing a different style of football that suits this group, perhaps more counter-attacking, to build confidence, then so be it.

"Then you can start moulding the team in time into a new shape.

"Without the confidence right now, it will be difficult, almost impossible, to build any momentum and get into a respectable position at the end of the season."

Carrick is preparing the squad for two challenging fixtures, starting with Manchester City's visit this weekend and then a trip to Arsenal.

He is expected to move away from the controversial 3-4-3 system introduced by Amorim, but even if he is successful, Ferdinand believes the best man for the job is former Brighton boss, Roberto De Zerbi.

"More than someone like Thomas Tuchel, because Tuchel would be one of my biggest picks, is De Zerbi," he said. "Any formation he wants to play, the guy is a proper coach who gets players working and playing.

"I'd bring fire to the party. I wouldn't bring craziness, but I'd bring in someone who's bringing that fire, that passion.

"But really, really backed up by someone who's shown that they can coach the hell out of a team. They can coach individuals, improve players and can really put down a way of playing football.

"I believe you need someone who is strong on their own identity."

FRANK Key to the deal

Conor has high hopes for Spurs

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fans are, I'm really happy to be a part of it and want to create special moments and memories together."

Gallagher has won 22 England caps but has not received an international call-up from Thomas Tuchel this season, despite being named in Gareth Southgate's squad for each of the past two major tournaments.

Spurs hijacked Aston Villa's deal for Gallagher and head coach Frank is understood to have played a key role in the transfer.

"Conor is a top midfielder, who we have worked tirelessly to add to our squad," Frank said.

"He is still young, so has plenty of room for improvement, but also has huge experience across the Premier League, La Liga and with the England national team.

"Conor has captained teams so will bring leadership, maturity, character and personality to our dressing room, while his running power, pressing ability and eye for goal will strengthen us in a key area of the pitch."

Villa were effectively gazumped by Tottenham following Saturday's 2-1 FA Cup away victory in north London due to the hamstring injury sustained by Rodrigo Bentancur in the 3-2 Premier League defeat by Bournemouth.

The Uruguay midfielder has had surgery and is expected to be sidelined for around three months.

Spurs have confirmed Fabio Paratici will leave his role as co-sporting director at the end of the winter transfer window.

The Italian only returned in October after he left in 2023 due to allegations of false accounting at former club Juventus.

Paratici subsequently received a 30-month ban imposed by FIFA, but worked as a consultant for Tottenham before he officially rejoined earlier this season. He will now join Serie A club Fiorentina at the conclusion of this transfer window.

ROSE AND

CARABAO CUP

CHELSEA		ARSENAL
58%	POSSESSION	42%
5	SHOTS ON TARGET	6
5	SHOTS OFF TARGET	11
493	TOTAL PASSES	356
6	CORNERS	9
4	OFFSIDE	2
12	FOULS	14
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REF: Simon Hooper

LINE-UPS

CHELSEA (4-2-3-1): Sanchez; Acheampong (Badiashile 53), Fofana (Hato 75), Chalobah, Cucurella (Tosin 81); Santos, Fernandez; Estevao, Pedro (Mheuka 81), Neto; Guiu (Garnacho 53).

ARSENAL (4-3-3): Kepa; White, Saliba, Gabriel, Timber; Odegaard (Merino 68), Zubimendi, Rice (Havertz 82); Saka, Gyokeres (Jesus 82), Trossard (Martinelli 67).

MAN OF THE MATCH
MARTIN ZUBIMENDI

THUMB-THING SPECIAL Arteta sends a message to his players

CHELSEA Garnacho 57, 83	2
ARSENAL White 7, Gyokeres 49, Zubimendi 71	3

Nacho gives Liam lifeline in a roller-coaster tie

BY **JOHN CROSS**

THIS was some baptism of fire for Liam Rosenior.

And it laid bare the size of the task in front of the new Chelsea manager after his first game in charge at Stamford Bridge.

Arsenal were so much better for huge chunks of the game and even threatened to run away with the semi-final as Viktor Gyokeres got in on the action.

The striker has struggled for goals of late but scored, provided an assist and it was one of his best games in an Arsenal shirt as Mikel Arteta finally ended his semi-final curse.

But Rosenior owes a huge debt of gratitude to two-goal substitute Alejandro Garnacho for keeping Chelsea in the tie and to at least give them a fighting chance in next month's return leg.

It was also another brilliant advert for this competition as Newcastle and Manchester City served up a cracker in their semi-final 24 hours earlier.

This was a classic London derby to keep everyone on the edge of their seats, including England boss Thomas Tuchel (right).

It also keeps Arsenal firmly in the hunt for four trophies, even if the final scoreline did not really reflect their dominance and the fact they could – and should – have put the tie to bed.

However, it was Arteta's first win in nine semi-final ties – Arsenal had lost six, drawn two and been eliminated each time across three different competitions – before this showdown at Stamford Bridge.

Arteta went nearly full strength, while Chelsea did not have such a luxury with Moises Caicedo suspended. Cole Palmer and Reece James also missed out through injury.

The Gunners were ahead in seven minutes. Jurrien Timber chased down the

FROWNS

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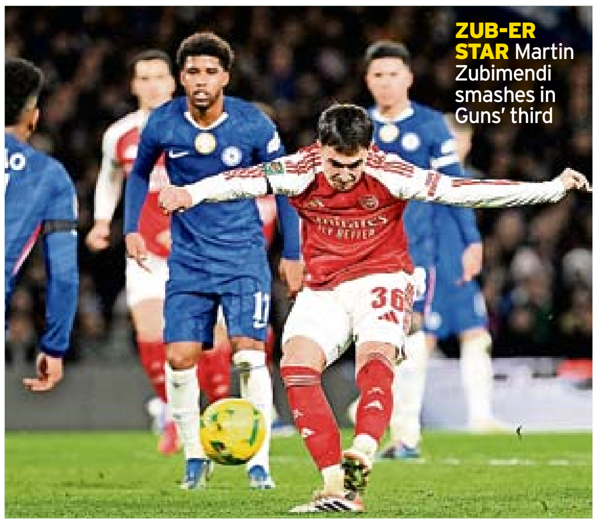
WHITE OUT OF LUCK Sanchez flaps and Ben White heads in the opener for Arsenal

SLICK VIK Gyokeres beats Fofana to net Arsenal's second

NACHO LIBRE Alejandro pulls one back for Chelsea



ZUB-ER STAR Martin Zubimendi smashes in Guns' third

ball, won a corner from Chelsea defender Trevoh Chalobah and it is always a danger when they have a set-piece.

Declan Rice swung the ball over, Chelsea keeper Robert Sanchez got it all wrong and stayed virtually rooted to the spot to leave an absolute gift for Ben White to head home from point-blank range.

Incredibly, that was Arsenal's 24th goal from a set-piece across all competitions this season, which had the away end chanting: "Set-piece again, ole, ole."

It was a hammer blow for Chelsea, who had started aggressively and you could see Rosenior urging his players on from the touchline.

Estevao looks one hell of a prospect for the Blues but you could see the Gunners were clearly the better, more accomplished side. The visitors then got a second from an unlikely source: Gyokeres.

Bukayo Saka found White on the overlap, his low cross was spilled horribly by Sanchez and there was Gyokeres to force home from inside the six-yard box.

Chelsea hauled themselves back into the contest after 57 minutes. Pedro Neto did brilliantly down the right and put over a cross to substitute Garnacho, who drilled into the net.

Arsenal's third was pure class. Substitute Mikel Merino fed Gyokeres and his clever lay-off set up Martin Zubimendi and he did a lovely shuffle before rifling into the net.

At that point, Merino and Gabriel missed chances to put the game to bed. Then when Arsenal failed to clear a corner and Garnacho drilled in his second to give Chelsea hope.

NOT GARNA GIVE UP Garnacho celebrates his second

SPORT IN BRIEF

Carabao Cup Semi-final First Leg

CHELSEA (0)..........2	**ARSENAL (1)........3**
Garnacho 57, 83	White 7 Gyokeres 49 Zubimendi 71

Vertu Trophy Third Round

NORTHAMPTON (1) 4	**WALSALL (1)........2**
Swyer 18 Hornby 48 (og) Hoskins 62 Eaves 90 (pen)	Adomah 5 Kanu 75 **Att: 1,406**

William Hill Scottish Premiership

FALKIRK (0)...........0	**CELTIC (1)............1**
	Nygren 43 **Att: 7,730**
HEARTS (0)............2	**ST MIRREN (0) 0**
Shankland 60 Magnusson 80	**Att: 18,441**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hearts	22	15	5	2	42	17	50
Celtic	22	14	2	6	39	21	44
Rangers	22	12	8	2	34	17	44
Motherwell	22	9	10	3	31	17	37
Hibernian	22	9	8	5	37	24	35
Falkirk	22	8	6	8	23	28	30
Dundee Utd	22	5	10	7	28	34	25
Aberdeen	22	7	4	11	20	28	25
Dundee	22	6	4	12	19	34	22
St Mirren	21	4	6	11	16	30	18
Kilmarnock	22	2	8	12	20	39	14
Livingston	21	1	7	13	21	41	10

Africa Cup Of Nations Semi-Final

SENEGAL (0)..........1	**EGYPT (0) 0**
Mane 78	
NIGERIA (0) L	**MOROCCO (0) ......L**

BADMINTON

BWF WORLD TOUR INDIA OPEN (Indira Gandhi Arena, New Delhi, India)**—1st rd**: **Men's Doubles**: J H Lee & P H Yang (Tai) bt B Lane & S Vendy (Eng) 2-1. **Mixed Doubles**: M Tang Chun & Y S Tse (Hkg) bt A Dunn & J Macpherson (Sco) 2-0.

CRICKET

SECOND ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL—India v New Zealand (Rajkot): **Niranjan Shah Stadium, India** 284-7 (50.0 overs; K L Rahul 112no; S Gill 56; K D C Clarke 3-56); **New Zealand** 286-3 (47.3 overs; D J Mitchell 131no; W A Young 87). **New Zealand win by 7 wickets**. 3 Match Series level 1-1.

SNOOKER

WST JOHNSTONE'S PAINT MASTERS (Alexandra Palace London)**—1st rd**: J Trump (Eng) bt J Ding (Chn) 6-2.

TENNIS

ATP & WTA ADELAIDE INT'NAL (Australia)—**2nd rd: Men's**: J Munar (Spa) bt F Cerundolo (Arg) 3-6 7-5 6-4; U Humbert (Fra) bt T Griekspoor (Ned) 6-4 6-1; T Machac (Cze) bt Q Halys (Fra) 6-4 6-2; T Paul (USA) bt R Opelka (USA) 6-4 6-4; A Shevchenko (Kaz) bt M Fucsovics (Hun) 6-3 7-6 (8-6) A Vukic (Aus) bt A Vavassori (Ita) 6-2 7-6 (7-5) V Vacherot (Mco) bt T Kokkinakis (Aus) w/o A Davidovich Fokina (Spa) bt R Hijikata (Aus) 6-3 6-2. **Women's**: K Birrell (Aus) bt M Vondrousova (Cze) w/o J Cristian (Rom) bt D Kasatkina (Aus) 6-4 6-0; M Keys (USA) bt T Valentova (Cze) 6-4 6-1; D Shnaider (Rus) bt K Siniakova (Cze) 6-1 2-6 7-5; E Navarro (USA) bt Y Putintseva (Kaz) 6-1 6-4; M Joint (Aus) bt A Tomljanovic (Aus) 0-2 ret.

ATP ASB CLASSIC (Auckland, New Zealand)**—2nd rd**: S Baez (Arg) bt J Brooksby (USA) 7-5 6-0; L Darderi (Ita) bt A Tabilo (Chi) 1-6 7-5 6-3; E Spizzirri (USA) bt N Borges (Por) 7-6 (8-6) 6-4; G Mpetshi Perricard (Fra) bt C Norrie (Gbr) 4-6 6-3 7-6 (7-4) F Marozsan (Hun) bt C Ruud (Nor) 6-4 6-4; J Mensik (Cze) bt H Medjedovic (Ser) 6-1 3-6 6-3.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN QUALIFYING (Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia)**—2nd rd: Men's Singles:** G Loffhagen (Gbr) bt Y Nishioka (Jpn) 6-3 3-1 ret A Fery (Gbr) bt B Tomic (Aus) 6-4 6-2. **Women's Singles**: L Tararudee (Tha) bt H Dart (Gbr) 6-0 3-6 6-3.

WTA HOBART INT'NAL (Australia)—**1st rd**: E Raducanu (Gbr) bt C Osorio (Col) 6-3 7-6 (7-2) M Linette (Pol) bt O Selekhmeteva (Rus) 6-3 1-6 6-1. **2nd rd**: E Cocciaretto (Ita) bt A Li (USA) 1-6 7-5 7-5; T Preston (Aus) bt R Sramkova (Svk) 6-4 6-1; I Jovic (USA) bt R Zarazua (Mex) 6-1 6-2; A Bondar (Hun) bt T Maria (Ger) 7-6 (9-7) 7-5; A Ruzic (Cro) bt S Sierra (Arg) 7-5 6-4; M Linette (Pol) bt X Wang (Chn) 6-1 7-5; O Danilovic (Ser) bt P Stearns (USA) 7-6 (7-2) 6-1; E Raducanu (Gbr) bt M Frech (Pol) w/o.

TODAY'S DIARY

The ADOBE Women's FA Cup Fourth Round: West Brom v Everton (7.30) (Live on TNT Sports 1).

GOLF

USPGA Tour Sony Open in Hawaii (Honolulu, Hawaii, USA).
DP World Tour Dubai Invitational (Dubai Creek Resort, Dubai, UAE).

SNOOKER

WST Johnstone's Paint Masters (Alexandra Palace, London).

TENNIS

ATP ASB Classic (Auckland).
Hobart International (Hobart).
ATP & WTA Adelaide Int (Australia).

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TOMMY TARGET

Fleetwood sets his sights on big two

ENGLISH ACE READY TO HUNT DOWN McILROY AND SCHEFFLER: P54-55

SEM OLD STORY

VAR here to stay so fix the offside

SEMENYO GOAL FARCE SHOWS IT'S TIME TO ADOPT THE WENGER RULE: PAGE 57

CHELSEA 2 3 ARSENAL

SEMI-FINAL 1ST LEG

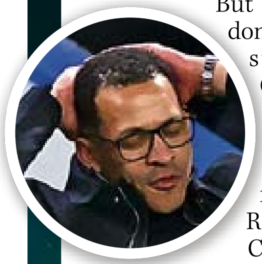
GYOK AND A HARD PLACE

Viktor ends goal drought to spoil Rosenior's Bridge debut

BY **JOHN CROSS**

VIKTOR GYOKERES ended his barren run to give Arsenal the edge in their Carabao Cup semi-final.

The striker scored his first goal from open play since November 1.



But for all Arsenal's dominance, Chelsea sub Alejandro Garnacho bagged a second-half double to keep the tie alive for new boss Liam Rosenior (left).

Chelsea keeper Robert Sanchez made two blunders, gifting Ben White the opener before fumbling for Gyokeres to score. Martin Zubimendi also struck for the Gunners, who take a slender lead into next month's second leg.

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PROUD AS PUNCH Gyokeres eased the pressure on himself by scoring in Gunners victory

Gallagher: Let's make memories

BY **RYAN TAYLOR**

CONOR GALLAGHER wants to create "special moments" at Tottenham after making the move to north London.

The England midfielder has been unveiled as Thomas Frank's first recruit of the January transfer window and put pen to paper on a five-and-a-half-year contract.

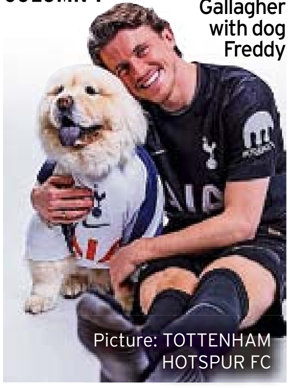
The 25-year-old arrives from Atletico Madrid in a deal worth in the region of £34.7 million, having spent less than 18 months in La Liga after he was sold by Chelsea in August 2024.

And Gallagher, the first signing of the post-Daniel Levy era, is hoping to taste success with last season's Europa League winners.

"I'm so happy and excited to be here, taking the next step in my career at an amazing club," he said.

"I wanted to be a Spurs player and thankfully the club felt the same. It was very easy, it happened very quickly and I'm ready to get on the pitch. I know how great the

TURN TO P58, COLUMN 1



TRANSFER TAIL: Gallagher with dog Freddy

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Puzzles

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, row, and 3x3 square includes all of the digits from one to nine. **Solutions tomorrow**

EASY

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MEDIUM

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DIFFICULT

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Today's solution:
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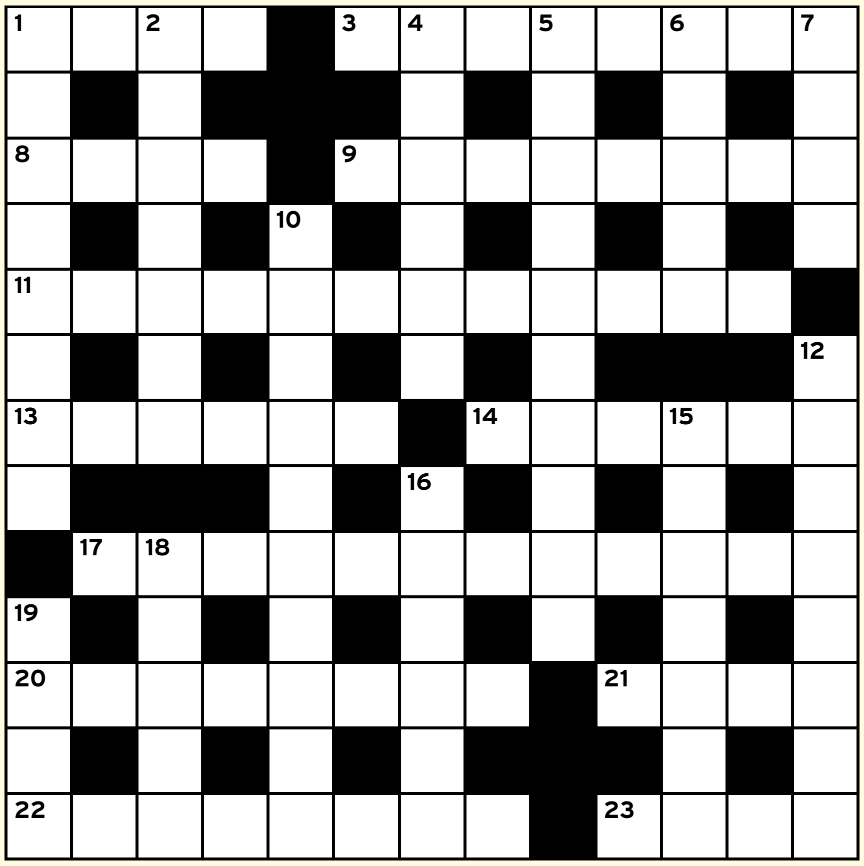
QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS
- **1** Too (4)
- **3** Flogging (8)
- **8** Calm (4)
- **9** Killer (8)
- **11** Achieved (12)
- **13** Embrace (6)
- **14** Floor covering (6)
- **17** Peerless (6,2,4)
- **20** Disturbed (8)
- **21** Stronghold (4)
- **22** Scatter (8)
- **23** Repair (4)

DOWN
- **1** League (8)
- **2** Joined together (7)
- **4** Bustle (6)
- **5** Devastates (5,5)
- **6** Result (5)
- **7** Band of criminals (4)
- **10** Improve (10)
- **12** Vouched for (8)
- **15** Suggest (7)
- **16** Vipers (6)
- **18** Goes out (5)
- **19** Attack (4)

Solution tomorrow

Stuck on the puzzle? Call **0905 789 4188** to hear individual clues or the full solution

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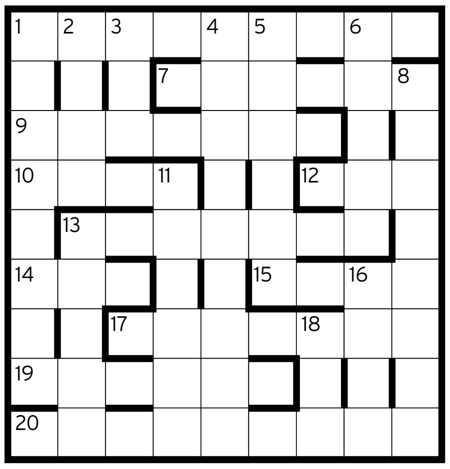
SMALL CROSSWORD



ACROSS
- **1** Thus (9)
- **7** Foreign and unusual (6)
- **9** Radioactive element (7)
- **10** Top of a building (4)
- **12** Suffer (3)
- **13** Pacified (7)
- **14** Pen for pigs (3)
- **15** Seabird (4)
- **17** Snubbed (7)
- **19** Choose (6)
- **20** Guardian (9)

DOWN
- **1** Sightseers (8)
- **2** Brave person (4)
- **3** Period of history (3)
- **4** Scene exit (anag.) (9)
- **5** Battled (6)
- **6** Inflexible (5)
- **8** Almanac (8)
- **11** Fail to remember (6)
- **13** Navigate (5)
- **16** Repeat (4)
- **18** Decompose (3)

Solution tomorrow

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CROSS DOUBT

Target times: Average: **18 mins**
Good: **14 mins** Excellent: **10 mins**

Stuck? Call for a clue
0901 322 5601
Halve your Target Time!

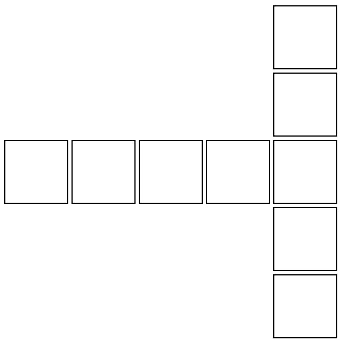
Today's solution
0901 322 5607
Both today's words in a moment!

**Calls cost 75p plus your telephone company's network access charge.*

Can you make two common five-letter words from the nine letters given, using each letter only once? You can - but only if one letter features in both words in the squares on the right. There's at least one way to do it, and you have to have the right letter at the crossover - but which one is it?

See if you can find the answer within our target time. If you need help, ring our clue-line below to find out the crossover letter. **Solution tomorrow**

A C G H H I N T W



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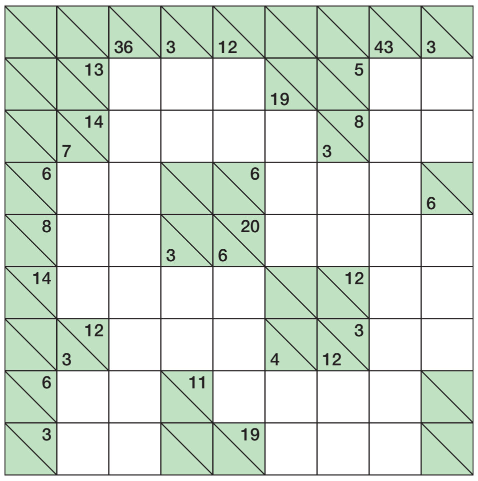

Fill each sequence of blank squares using the numbers 1-9. Each sequence - across and down - must total the number in the shaded box at the beginning or top of each line. A number may be repeated in each line but NOT in a sequence.

Solution tomorrow

Puzzles

QUIZWORD

ACROSS
1 City in south west Brazil that is the capital of Mato Grosso do Sul state (5,6)
9 Diving bird of the family Alcidae (3)
10 Short-barrelled pocket pistol of large calibre (9)
11 Musical instrument of India consisting of a pair of drums of variable pitch (5)
13 Nasser, England Test cricket captain from 1999 to 2003 (7)
14 North American coniferous tree, Abies magnifica, used for timber (3,3)
16 A frankfurter, especially one served in a long soft roll (3,3)
18 'The ---', 2005 novel by Michael Connelly (7)
19 Fernand, French painter whose works include 1921's Woman With A Cat (5)
20 & 22 1979 novel by Frederick Forsyth (3,6,11)
21 Large bronze musical horn found in Danish peat bogs dating to the Bronze Age (3)
22 See 20

DOWN
2 Vessel that Noah built in the Old Testament (3)
3 City in north east Italy that is home to a university established in 1222 (5)
4 A member of a people living chiefly in Nepal (6)
5 Ludovico, Italian poet famous for his epic Orlando Furioso (7)
6 1996 novel by Edward Bunker (3,3,3)
7 Author of the novels Rob Roy and Waverley (6,5)
8 WBA Light Heavyweight champion from 2001 to 2003 (5,6)
12 New York-born jazz pianist who led a trio in Paris featuring drummer Kenny Clarke (3,6)
15 Island off the coast of La Rochelle in northern France (3,2,2)
17 Legendary Irish hero and bard of the third century (6)
19 Franz, Hungarian composer of the 1861 symphony Faust (5)
21 The standard monetary unit of Bulgaria (3)

Solution tomorrow

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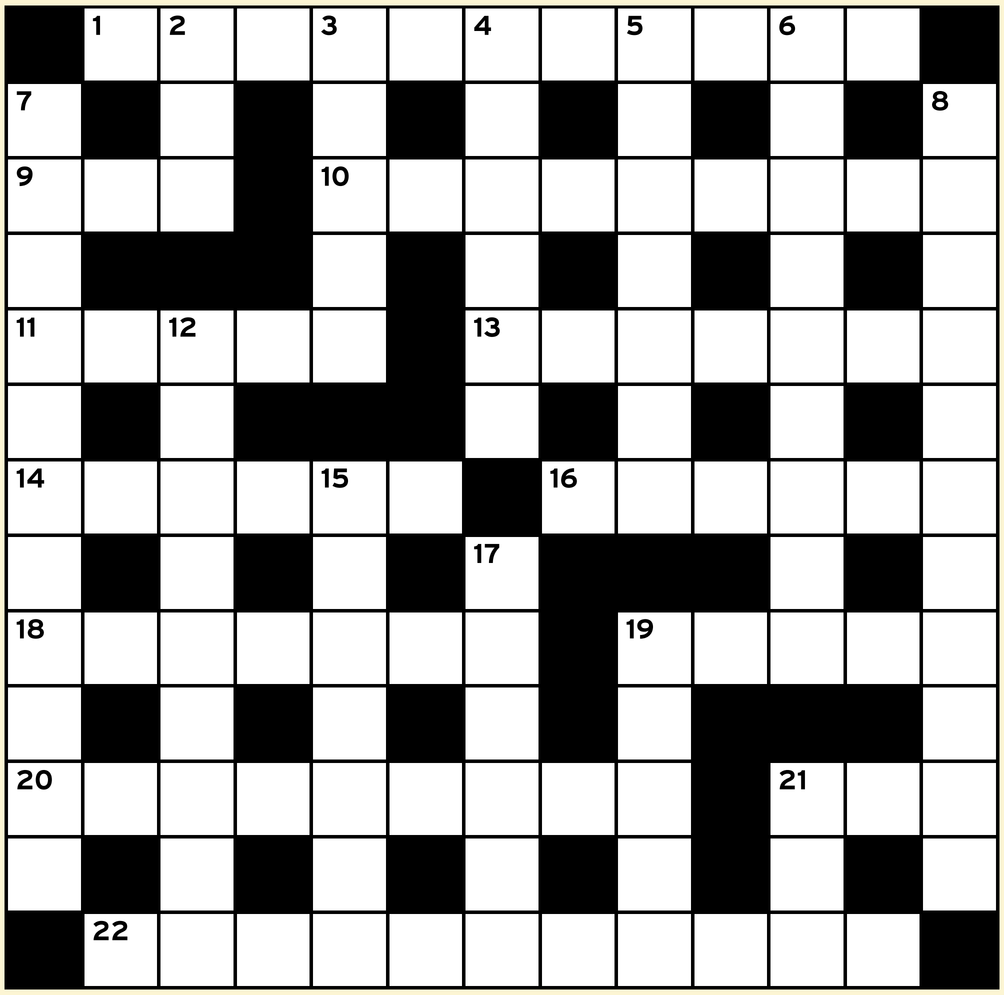
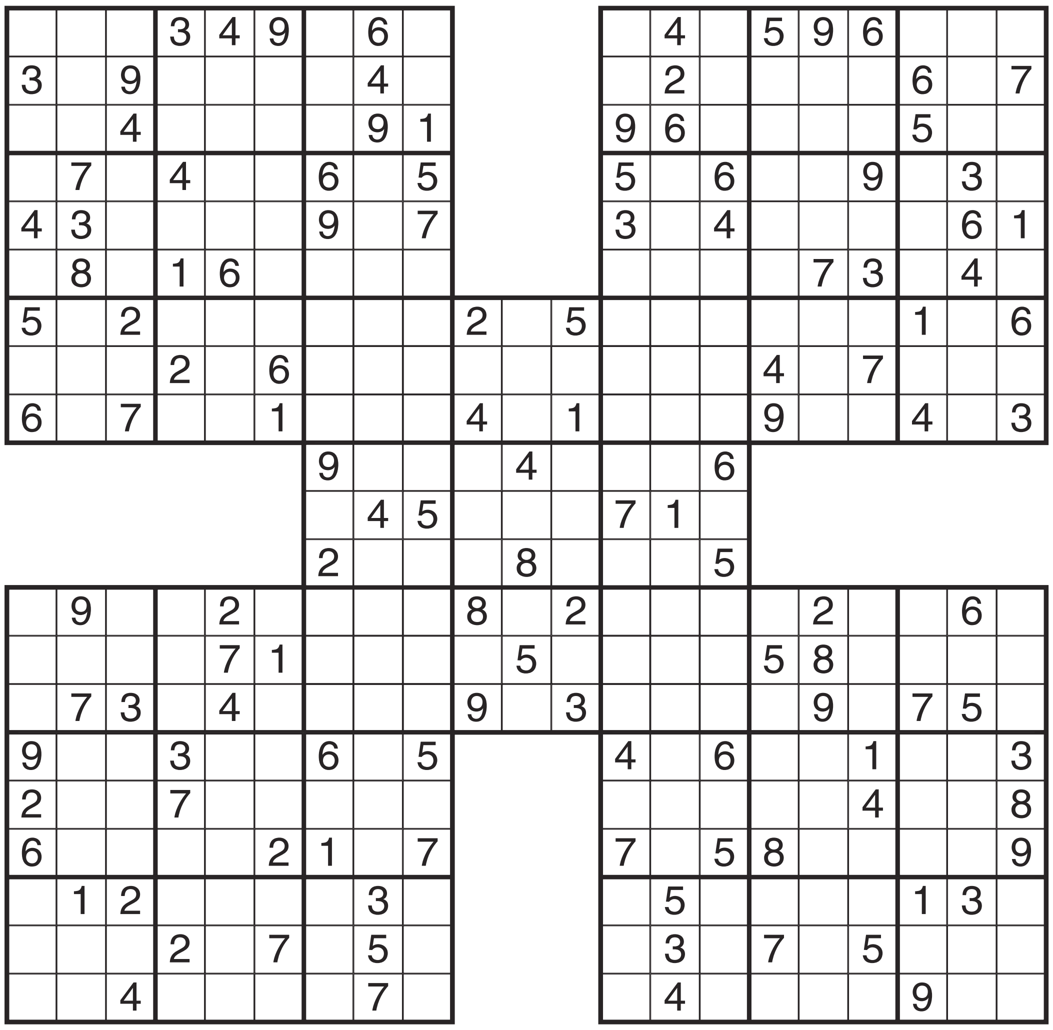


SAMURAI SUDOKU

In Samurai Sudoku, normal sudoku rules apply, but the 9x9 sudoku at the centre shares four of its 3x3 boxes with those of the outer sudokus.

Solution tomorrow



WORD BUILDER

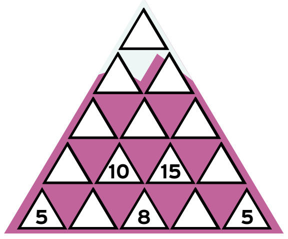
Answer each clue so that every word contains the same letters as the previous word, plus or minus one.

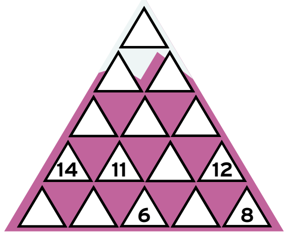
Solution tomorrow

1	☐☐☐	1 Lout
2	☐☐☐☐	2 Young horse
3	☐☐☐☐☐	3 Flowers
4	☐☐☐☐☐☐	4 Official
5	☐☐☐☐☐	5 Tooth
6	☐☐☐☐	6 By mouth
7	☐☐☐	7 Paddle

SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



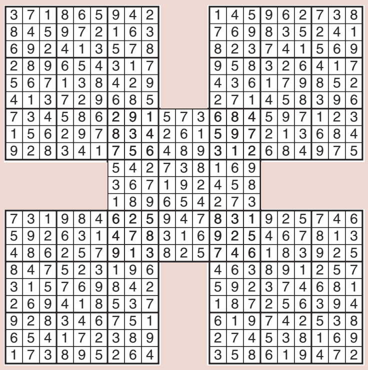


Solution tomorrow

QUIZWORD

Across:
1 Tarr,
3 Brubaker,
9 Englund,
10 Ounce,
11 Amelia Sedley,
13 Brahms,
15 Istria,
17 The Silence Of,
20 Nervi,
21 Claudio,
22 Tintagel,
23 Dred.
Down:
1 The Lambs,
2 Rogge,
4 Radish,
5 Bloody Sunday,
6 Kinnear,
7 Reed,
8 Yukio Mishima,
12 Ray Floyd,
14 Acheron,
16 Cloche,
18 Ender,
19 Knot.

SAMURAI SUDOKU



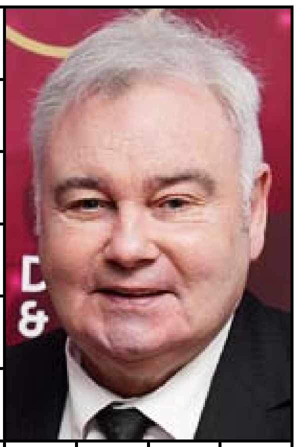
SMALL CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Capacity, **8** Throne, **9** Stun, **10** Keg, **11** Tigers, **13** Overlooks, **15** Gambit, **17** Ion, **18** Brie, **19** Squeal, **20** Winnings.
Down: 1 Customise, **2** Active, **3** Plug, **4** Charlatan, **5** Iris, **6** Tokyo, **7** Registers, **12** Skiing, **14** Ennui, **15** Glen, **16** Bran.

ARROW-WORD

Arrow-words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Solution tomorrow

Perhaps	Very many Subsides		Tithe BBQ		Major religion		Spud	Plant type		Chose _ Holmes, pictured					
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Swagger Hirsute								Tag (anag.)							
					Relaxed, comfy (2,4)										
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Jump on one foot		Seabird Newspaper boss										Shoots		African country Naomi _, model	
	Single currency					TV's _ C. Nesbitt	Enlist		Body powder	Suspended (2,3) Long thin cake					
	Cleared of trees Assist											Managed			
			Sultanate in SE Arabia Whichever					80s film, Police _ Roughly (2,2)							
Greek letter And others (2,2)					Umbrella							Health resort _ milk or _ bean			
					Deity	Killer whale Turfed out					Italian capital		Disobedient		US city, _ Moines
Cheap wine Snoop				Congeals November (abbr.)					Pressed clothes						
							Fruit type		Casino _, Bond film						
				Make a hole with a spade				Strong beers	By _ of, by means of	Handles clumsily Past of lead					
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				Rely Humble							Dock Of The Bay singer, _ Redding				
										Manner					

WORDSEARCH

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TYPES OF BUILDING

Find all the terms listed below in the grid.

Solution tomorrow

BARN ● BUNGALOW ● CASTLE ● CHALET CINEMA ● FACTORY ● LIBRARY LIGHTHOUSE ● MAISONETTE ● MANSION MILL ● MOSQUE ● PALACE ● PRISON SCHOOL ● SHED ● TOWER ● VILLA

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Dead certain, **9** Earlier, **10** Rover, **11** Overt, **12** Emotion, **13** Steady, **15** Defect, **18** Regular, **20** Claim, **22** Track, **23** Pattern, **24** Bernard Shaw. **Down: 2** Eerie, **3** Drifted, **4** Earned, **5** Torso, **6** Invoice, **7** Demonstrate, **8** Bring to mind, **14** Engrave, **16** Excites, **17** Proper, **19** Liken, **21** Arena.

WORDSEARCH

H	D	Y	V	R	U	F	S	J	I	O	N	Z	P	C
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ARROW-WORD

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SUDOKU EASY

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SUDOKU MEDIUM

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SUDOKU DIFFICULT

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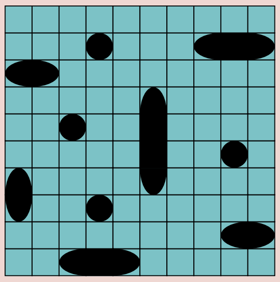
BATTLESHIPS



KAKURO

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KEIJO

2	3	1	4
3	1	4	2
4	2	3	1
1	4	2	3

TARGET

AGITATION

AGITATION, agitato, anti, attain, gait, giant, gnat, goat, gotta, ingot, into, iota, taiga, taint, tang, tanga, tango, tigon, ting, tint, titan, toga, tong, toting

THE ALPHAPUZZLE

Across: Hiatus, Attack, Lob, Hush, Womb, Steel, Idyll, Unfit, Axiom, Night, Prize, Entry, Over, Jute, Rum, Street, Masked. **Down:** Ion (clue), Liquid, Invite, Itch, Reel, Slate, Islet, North, Exist, Cable, Rummy, Lumpy, Stew, Just, Scampi, Zither, Tie.

THE ALPHABEATER

Black squares: 3, 5, 8, 12, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 24, 30, 33, 36, 40. **Across:** Straight, Line, Listen, Woozy, Static, Stupor, Eft, Scrubs, Abbots, Bevel, Fakery, Acid, Diverges. **Down:** Suffix, Quixotic, Kid, Slew, Tousle, Rejoices, Byte, Idly, Starving, Suburb, Laws, Tut, Optimism, Hanker.

CROSS DOUBT

Across: POSIT
Down: SPURT

SUMMIT UP

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WORD BUILDER

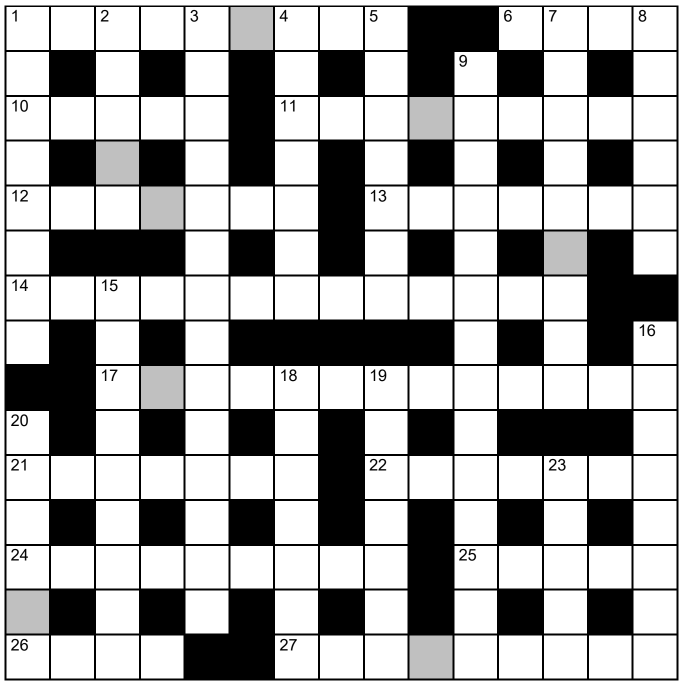
Elm, Mule, Umbel, Lumber, Lemur, Lure, Rue

Puzzles

CRUSADER PRIZE CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Woman and son seem to vanish (9)
6 Ask hoarsely for a file (4)
10 Cut unwise version around (5)
11 I am punctual, upper-class and spontaneous (9)
12 Jogged with dog, concealing old resentment (7)
13 Copy its head – friend captures it (7)
14 Complaint, Teutonic, treated same by the French (6,7)
17 Clairvoyant giving a lot of money to cashier (13)
21 Insipid article I came to broadcast (7)
22 Criticise a type of hero (4,1,2)
24 Correspondent enclosure – monster gets registered (3-6)
25 Log taxi with hesitation (5)
26 Playground item has no left or right, say (4)
27 Concerning fool, rude about being comforted (9)

DOWN
1 Attractive person teases kitchen cleaners (8)
2 Leading statistician still finding a prime number (5)
3 Pointed slur for every boy – real tricky to identify (8,6)
4 Saying farm animals are behind the conclusion (7)
5 Model a clipper badly, lacking front of prow (7)
7 Opinion from a very quiet artist upset Lisa (9)
8 Youngster takes a former queen to be a poor person (6)
9 Friendly, overhauls welfare (6,8)
15 Stopped journalist after chorus (9)
16 Our dream about being heavily protected (8)
18 Not sure relative is on a river (7)
19 Animal is chained, unfortunately (7)
20 Grounds to temporarily lodge you and me (6)
23 Bream changed colour (5)



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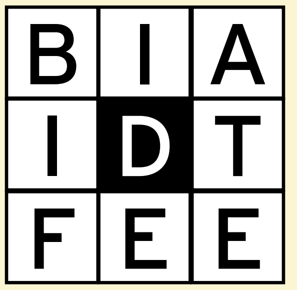
TUESDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Bumf, 3 Inspection, 9 Up to, 10 Dismounted, 11 Belligerent, 15 Truncheon, 17 Rhone, 18 Lager, 19 Ill-gotten, 20 Elderflower, 24 Herbalists, 25 Tiny, 26 Golden girl, 27 Reel.
DOWN: 1 Bluebottle, 2 Metallurgy, 4 Naive, 5 Pimpernel, 6 Counterfoil, 7 Iota, 8 Nude, 12 Incarcerate, 13 Worthwhile, 14 Pennyroyal, 16 Evildoing, 21 Rotor, 22 Thug, 23 Oral.
Prizeword: Fletcher

TARGET



- *The Target uses words in the main body of Chambers 21st Century Dictionary (1999 edition)*

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals. Verb forms ending in S permitted.

TODAY'S TARGET
Good 16; **very good** 24; **excellent** 32 **(or more).** **Solution tomorrow**

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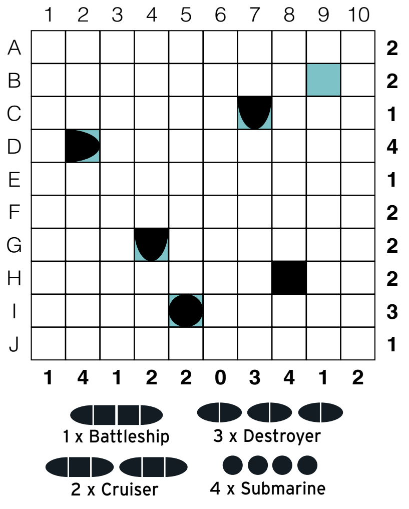
BATTLESHIPS

FIND where the fleet of ships shown is hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.
Solution tomorrow



THE ALPHABEATER

TARGET TIME: 32 minutes

CAN you crack the Alphabeater? Each grid number represents a letter – or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letters and black squares below the grid to start. The grid is 'rotationally symmetrical' – in other words, it looks the same if you turn the page upside down.
Solution tomorrow

Extra letter clues
0907 181 2560
(Deduct three minutes for each extra clue letter heard)
Full solution
0907 181 2558
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A B ~~C~~ D E F ~~G~~ H I J ~~K~~ L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

28	16	16	30	27	21	14	17	8	30	27	16	33
36	27	3	31	2	35	32	6	35	28	39	28	22
14	2	33	4	8	30	13	23	17	27	12	40	3
18	23	22	21	32	12	32	15	18	30	19	2	7
11	30	2	37	10	6	13	21	4	37	15	9	28
32	12	27	36	34	32	20	34	38	2	29	37	10
25	18	32	4	30	31	26	36	17	15	34	35	34
2	13	2	30	27	17	40	32	29	39	32	22	30
27	22	36	2	21	26	33	15	37	32	13	20	10
23	2	40	10	4	18	11	9	30	6	15	27	3
21	24	9	32	13	5	2	7	33	39	1	2	19
15	28	35	30	31	39	1	12	30	9	18	5	6
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			■								■								G

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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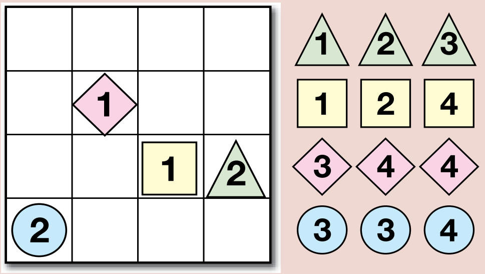
- Alternatively, for six Extra Letter clues to your mobile, text **DXBEAT to 64343.** Texts cost £1 plus standard network rate.

KEIJO



Place the tiles into the grid so that four different numbers and four different shapes appear in each row and column.
Solution tomorrow

THE ALPHAPUZZLE®

Alphapuzzle® tests logic and word power. Each grid number stands for a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. **Solution tomorrow**
DIFFICULTY: 8/10; **TARGET:** 27 mins; **CLUE:** Reduce car in a platter.

A B C D E F G ~~H~~ I J ~~K~~ L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

11	13	20	13	16	16	13	19	■	■	21	■	■
■	9	■	■	14	■	■	14	8	22	26	4	12
25	2	11	14	4	6	■	8	■	■	8	■	2
■	12	■	■	8	■	23	24	14	4	11	13	20
20	26	12	2	14	■	16	■	■	■	17	■	2
13	■	■	■	22	25	13	11	■	■	15	■	4
4	■	6	14	10	■	18	■	14	2	25	■	2
14	■	13	■	■	5	26	14	4	■	■	■	8
8	■	15	■	■	■	22	■	7	15	25	22	24
11	13	4	2	7	24	11	■	15	■	■	16	■
2	■	7	■	■	14	■	25	2	1	15	2	12
22	25	26	3	26	16	■	■	8	■	■	20	■
■	■	16	■	■	12	2	8	24	26	3	26	25

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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EXTRA LETTER CLUES: 0907 181 2568*
Hear up to six Extra Letters, deduct two minutes for each clue letter heard.
FULL SOLUTION: **0907 181 2565***
ACROSS ONLY: **0907 181 2561*** / DOWN ONLY: **0907 181 2562***
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TODAY'S ANSWERS: BEGINNER = 25; INTERMEDIATE = 53; ADVANCED = 13.

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WORDSEARCH

Can you find all the listed iems in the grid? Words may read forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

KITCHEN ITEMS

P	F	P	E	E	L	E	R	K	E	C	M	E	D	O	Y	O	O	C
U	S	O	P	Z	M	Y	B	V	M	L	F	J	B	Q	E	S	V	S
S	S	C	I	E	C	N	E	M	A	U	G	C	L	T	V	A	E	N
C	R	P	I	L	D	I	S	F	S	W	C	O	E	E	Q	U	N	I
A	E	V	A	S	S	H	L	G	H	K	J	L	N	O	J	C	G	O
L	V	R	E	T	S	R	N	D	E	N	Q	A	D	Z	K	E	L	N
E	A	L	X	I	U	O	J	G	R	O	I	N	E	X	H	P	O	R
S	Y	H	E	C	T	L	R	J	M	X	E	D	R	S	G	A	V	O
U	R	H	E	L	A	H	A	S	V	Y	S	E	U	B	R	N	E	L
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X	X	Z	S	H	S	C	U	N	R	E	P	J	V	B	R	O	E	G
T	Z	W	H	I	S	K	N	T	A	O	K	H	W	O	W	N	C	P
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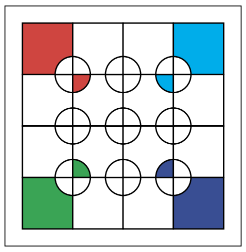
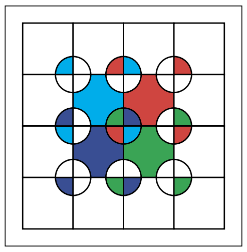
V	L	A	D	L	E	K	M	D	X	Z	G	A	R	F	G	Z	Z	V

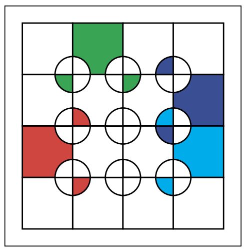
APRON
BLENDER
BOWL
CASSEROLE
COLANDER
CORKSCREW
FOIL
FRYING PAN
FUNNEL
GRATER
JUG
KNIFE
LADLE
MASHER
OVEN GLOVES
PASTRY BRUSH
PEELER
ROLLING PIN
SAUCEPAN
SCALES
SCISSORS
SIEVE
SPATULA
SPOON
TIN OPENER
TONGS
WHISK
WOK

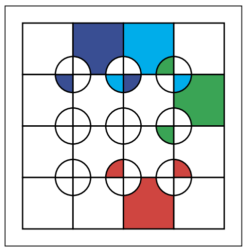
PATTERN MAKER

Which one of the numbered squares on the bottom row should replace the question mark to follow the logical pattern in this sequence?









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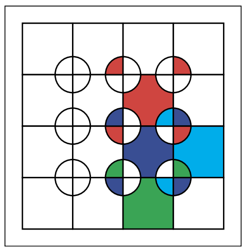

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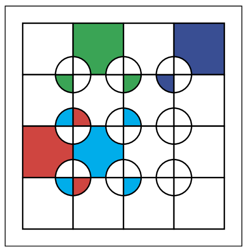

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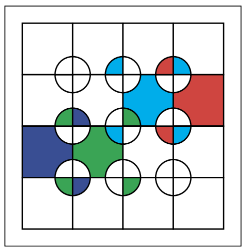

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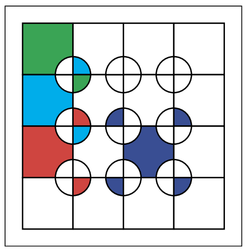

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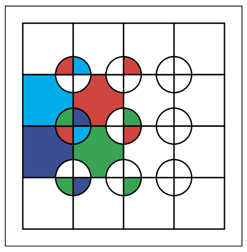


CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter. Use your knowledge of words to solve the puzzle. Two letters are given to start you off.

6	2	7	15	■	■	15	■	■	2	6	23	8
■	14	■	■	7 T	1	23	8	12 O	■	16	■	20
15	1	3	11	1	■	6	■	8	26	12	7	12
■	6	■	■	15	■	2	■	1	■	3	■	5
■	23	3	15	7	6	21	1	10	■	9	12	18
6	■	■	■	1	■	15	■	■	■	1	■	26
9	1	2	3	9	1	■	25	5	10	9	20	1
24	■	20	■	■	■	4	■	10	■	■	■	9
5	15	1	■	26	12	14	14	3	25	20	1	■
15	■	6	■	12	■	5	■	17	■	■	22	■
7	26	14	12	13	■	3	■	5	10	3	7	19
1	■	20	■	20	3	7	14	1	■	■	14	■
9	6	19	15	■	■	15	■	■	9	1	6	4

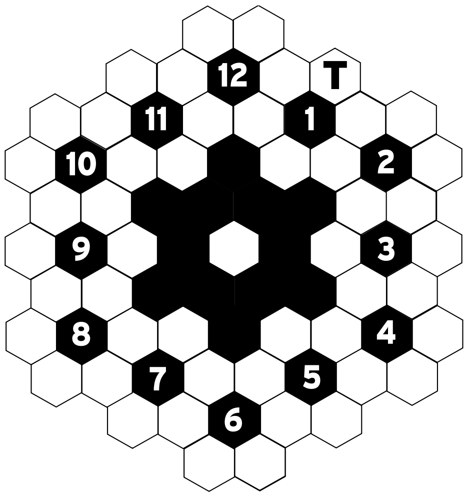
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7 T	8	9	10	11	12 O	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

HONEYCOMB

All the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

1 **Meets a lover**
2 **Seldom**
3 **Citrus fruit**
4 **Placard**
5 **Choux bun**
6 **Salt**
7 **Recently**
8 **Necessitate**
9 **Former students**
10 **Grumble**
11 **Withdraw**
12 **Twine**



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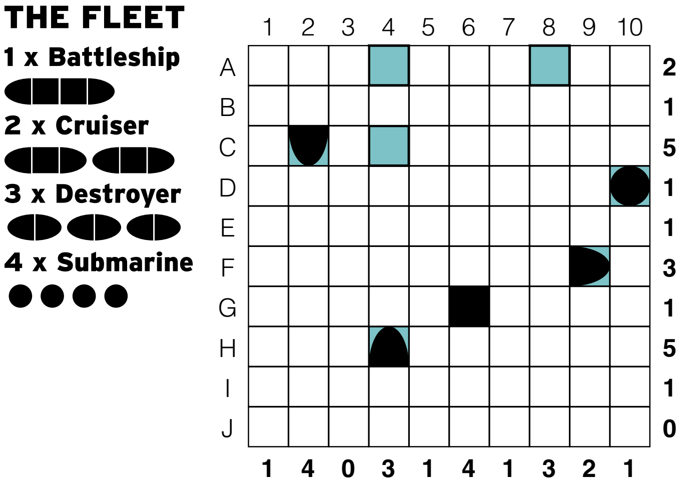
THE FLEET

1 x Battleship

2 x Cruiser

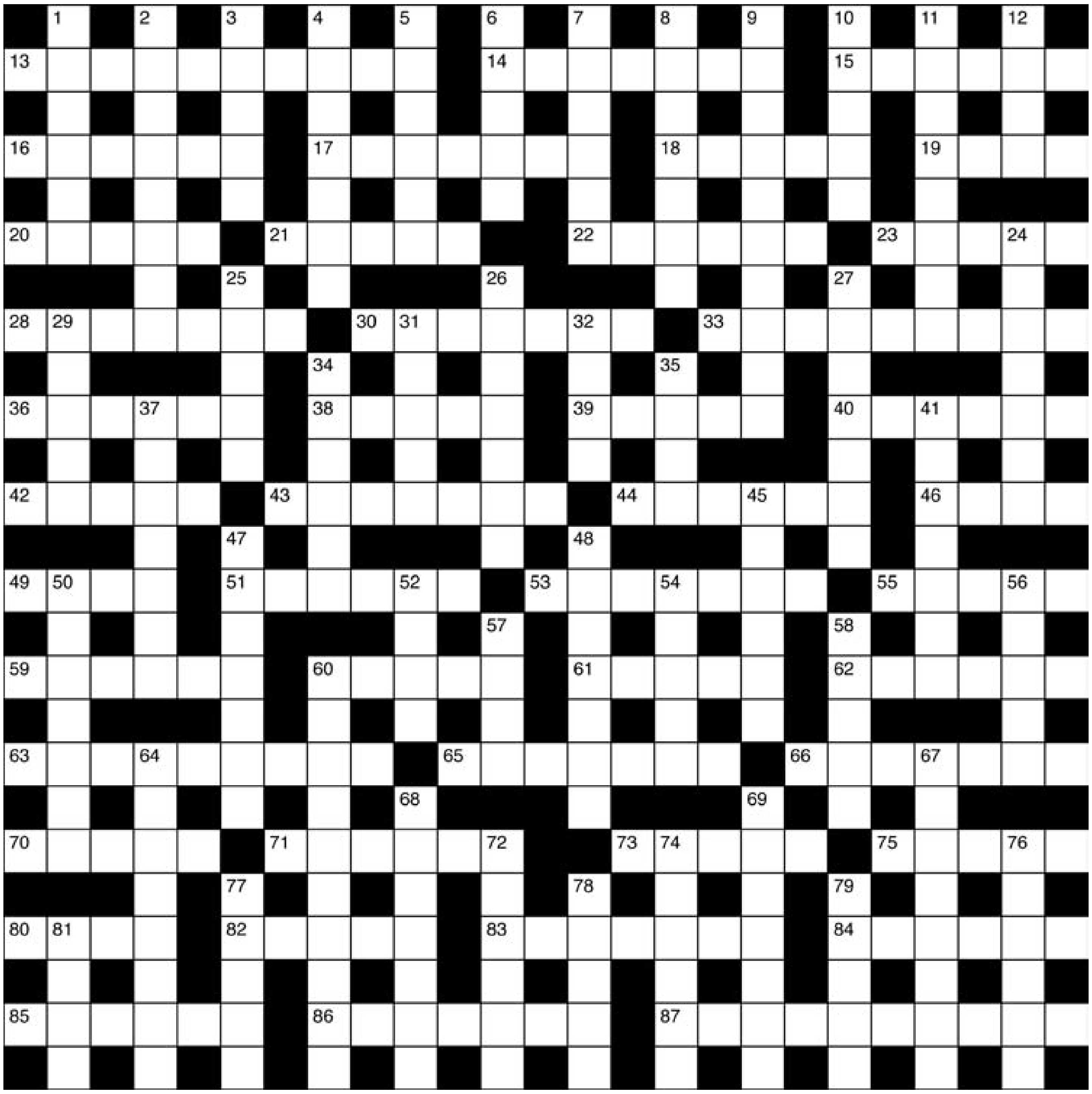
3 x Destroyer

4 x Submarine



GIANT TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Choose between straight and cryptic clues in this giant crossword – both sets lead to the same answers.



STRAIGHT

ACROSS

13 All in all (2,3,5)
14 Flower (3,4)
15 Dismissal (3-3)
16 Cause (6)
17 Fetches (4,3)
18 Europeans (5)
19 Abhor (4)
20 Support (5)
21 Compartment (5)
22 Gloomy (6)
23 Hit (5)
28 Splash (7)
30 Well-known (7)
33 Unaware (2,3,4)
36 Clear (6)
38 Very good (5)
39 Released (5)
40 Stay (6)
42 Bad weather (5)
43 Amuses (7)
44 Get comfortable (6)
46 Only (4)
49 Hurt (4)
51 Possessions (6)
53 Mean (7)
55 Duplicate (5)
59 Tyrant (6)
60 Complain (5)
61 Family (5)
62 Admit (4,2)
63 Bit by bit (9)
65 Sleep (7)
66 Importance (7)
70 Saw (5)
71 Ought (6)
73 Christened (5)
75 Floppy (5)
80 Region (4)
82 Topic (5)
83 Nasty (7)
84 Suppose (6)
85 Season (6)
86 Do the same (7)
87 Exciting (4-6)

DOWN

1 Engrossed (6)
2 Tree (8)
3 Sway (5)
4 Permanently (3,4)
5 New (6)
6 Employees (5)
7 Fought (6)
8 Devise (7)
9 Much deserved (4-6)
10 Irritated (5)
11 Overdrawn (2,3,3)
12 Victim (4)
24 Friendly (7)
25 Clues (5)
26 Stateliness (7)
27 Dish (7)
29 Fielder (5)
31 Think (5)
32 Free ride (4)
34 Loot (6)
35 Now (4)
37 Vegetable (7)
41 Error (7)
45 Money (6)
47 Fond of (7)
48 Outfit (7)
50 Stated (7)
52 Labour (4)
54 Instant (5)
56 Are important (5)
57 Spring (4)
58 Get on (5)
60 Rich (4-6)
64 Imperious (8)
67 Speed (8)
68 Melodious (7)
69 Torment (7)
72 No (6)
74 Sum (6)
76 Buffoons (6)
77 Period (5)
78 Lies low (5)
79 Copies (5)
81 Absorbed (4)

CRYPTIC

ACROSS

13 All in all, providing complete coverage for (2,3,5)
14 Flower that has bags of leaves? (3,4)
15 Leak the dismissal (3-3)
16 A cause that makes sense (6)
17 Fetches at the sale and one really likes it (4,3)
18 People with standards (5)
19 Really don't like rewriting the article in (4)
20 Support for the defensive effort (5)
21 Compartment the two love sitting in (5)
22 Having left after the split-up, I'm sad and gloomy (6)
23 Hit, as a joke (5)
28 Create a splash, according to small talk (7)
30 Unlike the seaman, is well-known (7)
33 Think possibly the silly dear entering is unaware of (2,3,4)
36 It's clear the scamp has taken cover outside (6)
38 Very good when early imperfections are ironed out (5)
39 Given food again in captivity or released (5)
40 With "stay here", he goes off to get the chief (6)
42 Worried most about the rain; awful weather (5)
43 Puts one on a new course which is entertaining (7)
44 Seat you make yourself comfortable in (6)
46 Fish that's the last of its kind (4)
49 "A most unpleasant person" does hurt (4)
51 Prepared to have the dope confiscate one's possessions (6)
53 Mean to make the wine last (7)
55 Duplicate the game (5)
59 Sped off – back to the oppressor (6)
60 Complain about the hot drink (5)
61 At three, be joining the family (5)
62 Let us in and become expansive (4,2)
63 Bit by bit a drug ruined a friend (9)
65 A doctor breaking the rules about rest (7)
66 The importance of making it in sauce (7)
70 Saw a number were given time (5)
71 Ought to have quiet, has turned on loud (7)
73 Had called the morning Ned came round (5)
75 Carrying a large bag that's floppy (5)
80 A reason for the son to leave the neighbourhood (4)
82 The men haven't finished on the topic (5)
83 I, on return, take handful. Not nice (7)
84 Will count, I think (6)
85 Water fall it's not (6)
86 Do the same as the bird: a wild teal (7)
87 Exciting way of getting out of filing (4-6)

DOWN

1 Interested to see where the circus acts are performed (6)
2 What the forester no longer finds funny? (8)
3 Was it a change of direction in music (5)
4 Anti evil permanently (3,4)
5 The new figure to come through, enter hastily (6)
6 Support with the hands (5)
7 Fought the said change (6)
8 Devise, to calm oneself down (7)
9 Really deserved by successful diviner (4-6)
10 Irritated by the misfortune (5)
11 Then I turned crimson, being short of money (2,3,3)
12 Attack the victim (4)
24 Heavens lad, I go all out to be friendly (7)
25 Goes ahead and provides the clues (5)
26 Entering might joke about the stateliness (7)
27 He orders a dish (7)
29 For a cricketer, the crux of the matter (5)
31 Think it's good for one to ingest (5)
32 What's responsible for the hiker's joie de vivre (4)
34 Having loot, lavishes too much on (6)
35 Now and again, he comes first (4)
37 It's mean to take a cut on food (7)
41 First manufacturer to cover for and that's wrong (7)
45 Someone who looks after his money? (6)
47 Having a liking for some single man (7)
48 Scout around myself for something to wear (7)
50 Stated a few had made mistakes (7)
52 A great deal upset, I go into work (4)
54 Very little time, but time to have a pudding (5)
56 See how many there are who are important (5)
57 How surprising in spring (4)
58 Live with and get on (5)
60 Very close to being rich! (4-6)
64 Pet cat I'm terribly authoritative with (8)
67 The speed is cut, love, at a big town (8)
68 A French flute played outside; melodious (7)
69 Believed wrongly there's an 'E' missing in "torment"(7)
72 Back in the lead, running on the outside? No (6)
74 Sum of money obtained from A Hill (6)
76 With the comical fringes, admits they're funny (6)
77 Period of the coach (5)
78 He's concealing the identity and is lying low (5)
79 Copies, scribbling roughly, the first half (5)
81 Banged on, you say, quite obsessed by (4)

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, row and 3x3 square includes all the digits from 1 to 9

EASY

2		7		1	4			
					3	2	9	
9		8		2		1	6	
			7		1		2	9
8		6				3		1
7	2		8		9			
	7	9		5		6		8
	5	3	1					
			3	9		7		5

HARD

	6			9		8		2
8					6			
			3		7			9
		1				2	7	
3								1
	2	7				9		
6			4		5			
			7					6
4		3		2			8	

DOUBLE JIGWORD

Arrange these crossword fragments to create two completed symmetrical crosswords.

U	S	E
■	A	■
A	R	T

■	R	■
E	R	■
■	I	■

O	T	A
■	E	■
E	R	Y

F	I	S
■	A	■
A	L	S

■	M	■
■	O	C
■	N	■

R	E	S
O	■	H
B	■	R

■	■	U
T	O	B
H	■	■

■	T	■
V	O	W
■	R	■

D	■	I
A	■	D
I	L	L

S	■	■
■	C	■
O	O	M

A	D	D
■	I	■
B	A	R

■	M	■
A	I	L
■	N	■

O	D	E
■	O	■
A	R	D

S	■	E
■	■	■
O	■	E

R	■	C
E	■	O
W	K	W

M	A	N
■	T	■
E	E	R

H	E	R
I	■	R
O	■	S

O	D	E
■	S	■
■	■	A

ARROW WORD

The arrows show the direction in which the answer to each clue should be placed.

Resort	Joint padding Legume ▼	▼	Having a nice vista	▼	Mr Baldwin, US actor	▼	Tinned fish	▼	Talisman	▼	Small sour fruit (4,5)	▼	Adam and Eve's son ▼	_ Ora, singer Mother _, saint ▼	▼	Leg joint	▼
▶			Mountain pass ▶ Capture ▼				Esteem ▶										
Sea eagle ▶ Fiendish					Stray ▶ Weather map line ▼				Vigour ▼		Illicitly help ▶					Core beliefs ▼	
▶							Pre-planned ▶ Devoted ▼										
Fish	Bird ▶ Arab ruler ▼					Wrinkle ▶ Govern ▼					Beer ▶				Verbal ▼		Delight ▼
▶			Small crown ▶								Ventilate ▼		Ballad ▶ Verve ▼				
Spoil ▶ Lively dance				Shopper ▶						Outfit ▶							
▶			Fete ▶					Cunning ▶						Dined ▶			
Speed up an engine ▶				A race of multiple teams ▶						Cause disgust ▶							

PUZZLES

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Test your grasp of the facts with this general knowledge challenge.

1		2		3	■	4		5		6		7		8
	■		■		■		■		■		■		■	
9							■	10						
	■		■		■		■		■		■		■	
11				■	12									
	■		■	13	■		■		■		■	■	■	
14								■	15			16		
■	■		■		■		■	17	■		■		■	■
18						■	19							20
	■	■	■		■	21	■		■		■		■	
22		23								■	24			
	■		■		■		■		■	25	■		■	
26							■	27						
	■		■		■		■		■		■		■	
28									■	29				

ACROSS

1 Lindsay ___, actress whose roles include Maggie Peyton in 2005 family film Herbie: Fully Loaded (5)
4 Region around Glasgow in Scotland's central belt (9)
9 Asmir ___, Bosnian former Stoke City and Chelsea goalkeeper (7)
10 Soft, white, unsalted cheese made from sheep's milk (7)
11 Stanley ___, Labour MP; minister for social security, 1976-1979 (4)
12 2009 novel by Giles Foden (10)
14 1966 Commonwealth 440-yard hurdles gold medallist (3,5)
15 Branch of science concerned with vision and light (6)
18 Michael ___, 2007 Wimbledon men's doubles tennis championship winner with Arnaud Clément (6)
19 Model-actress whose roles included Simone Clouseau in 1963 film comedy The Pink Panther (8)
22 Cold flavoured dessert set in a mould (10)
24 Railway that ran the Flying Scotsman service from King's Cross to Edinburgh (init.) (4)
26 Genus of plants which includes love-in-a-mist (7)
27 A member of a Native North American people of the Plains now living in Oklahoma and Wyoming (7)
28 The Beauty Myth author (5,4)
29 1953 Western starring Alan Ladd in the title role (5)

DOWN

1 City in north west Texas devastated by a tornado in 1970 (7)
2 Scottish mountaineer who listed mountains there over 3000 feet (4,5)
3 In the ___, 1979 single by Village People (4)
4 Spanish solo dance in triple time (8)
5 Member of a people living chiefly in south west Nigeria and Benin (6)
6 Australian genus of trees that includes the blue gum (10)
7 Johannes ___, Swiss painter who taught at the Bauhaus from 1919-23 (5)
8 Rubbers (7)
13 Evangelista ___, Italian physicist who invented the barometer (10)
16 Name from 1973-2002 of Papua, aka Western New Guinea (5,4)
17 Cross-country skiing (8)
18 The cedar tree is this country's national emblem (7)
20 Opening in a hearing organ (7)
21 High plateau in the Andes between the tree line and the permanent snow line (6)
23 1966 Grand National-winning horse (5)
25 Raised platform at the end of a room or hall for speakers, honoured guests etc. (4)

QUOTE DOWN

Drop the letters in each column to reconstruct a quote by Ursula K Le Guin. Words may be split across two lines.

					A		A					D			A			A	
D	E		A	H	F	E	I	H			I	F		G	D		E	E	
M	E		A	I	L	G	O	L	A	A	I	O	N	L	I	A	E	S	
M	M	E	I	L	L	M	S	N	E	E	N	O	R	M	M	K	I	S	N
M	Y	E	X	M	U	O	T	N	M	T	W	T	R	O	M	V	K	T	S

		■												■					
■			■						■				■						■
		■		■					;	■			■						■
		■				■				■						,	■		
	■							■			■					■			■

LOGIC

Can you work out where each delivery should go?

Andy was the caretaker at an office block in an up-market part of town. He was on first name terms with many of the occupants and knew each of their professions.

It was his practice to accept deliveries on their behalf throughout the day and hand them over as they passed by his desk in the foyer. On one particular day he decided that his new colleague, Adam, should familiarise himself with the building – so he left him a note of the five outstanding deliveries while he went for lunch.

He asked Adam to ensure the deliveries went to the correct occupants. Adam read the note and was able to solve the problem in minutes – even though the writing was smudged in places. Can you?

	Fred	Sam	Alice	Sheila	Archie	Magazine	Parcel of books	Case of wine	Urgent letter	Dry cleaning	2nd Floor	3rd Floor	5th Floor (a)	5th Floor (b)	8th Floor
Writer															
Architect															
Solicitor															
Accountant															
Optician															
2nd Floor															
3rd Floor															
5th Floor (a)															
5th Floor (b)															
8th Floor															
Magazine															
Parcel of books															
Case of wine															
Urgent letter															
Dry cleaning															

BRAIN TRAINING

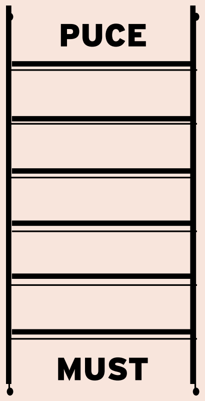
"The brain is a muscle that can move the world" – Stephen King

Give your brain a proper workout with this fine selection of mini puzzles, designed to stimulate those little grey cells in five key areas – Words, Visualisation, Numbers, Memory and Logic.

WORDS

WORD LADDER

Change just one letter to go from the top word to the bottom word in the ladder. There may be more than one solution.



ANAGRAMS

Unscramble each of the phrases below to reveal the names of five mathematical terms.

A TRIO

IRON FACT

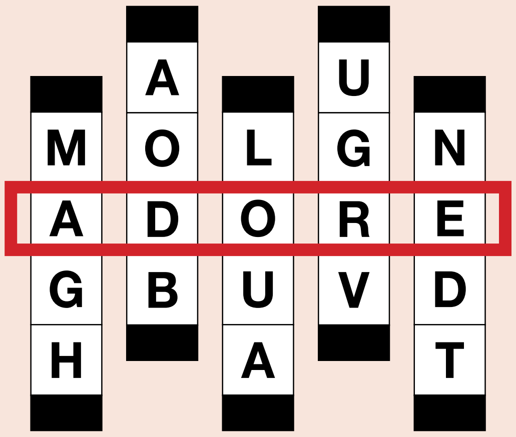
A QUIET "NO"

AND I DO IT

PLACE MINI DOT

WORD SLIDE

How many regular English words can be spelled out using all the sliders? One word is spelled already. Target score: 8



NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

3 6 1 2 3 = a fish

4 5 6 8 3 = a second fish

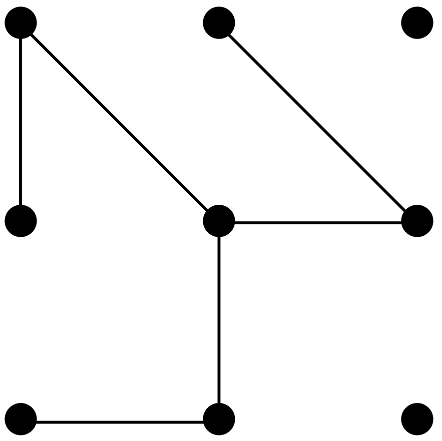
9 7 7 6 = a mammal

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

VISUALISATION

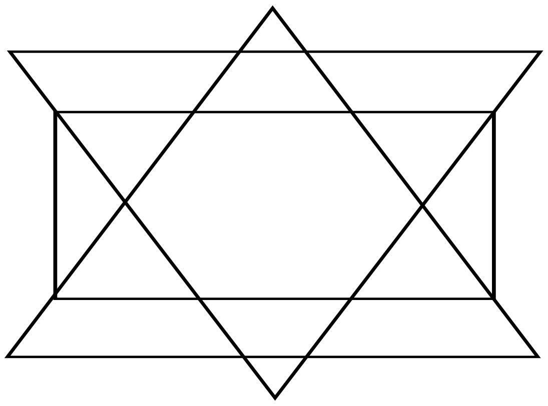
TRIANGLE

Draw **3** straight lines to make **5** triangles. Lines must be drawn from dot to dot, either passing through one dot or none at all. Triangles must not contain lines running through them, and every line segment must form part of a triangle.



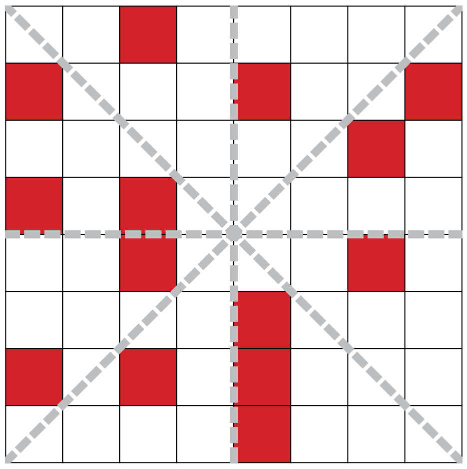
SHAPES

How many triangles are there in the illustration below?



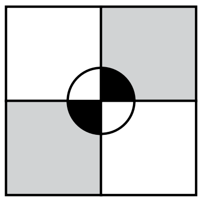
SYMMETRY

Shade in eight of the blank squares so that the pattern shows reflectional symmetry along one of the four axes shown.



SEKI

Using the blank grid, rotate some of the circles shown in the start grid and then shade in the corresponding squares (as shown right), so that shaded squares contain only black quarter-circles.



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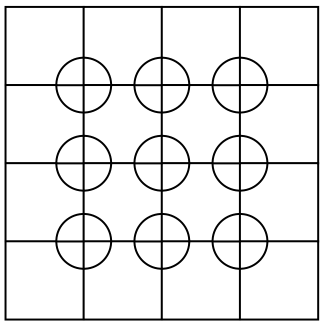
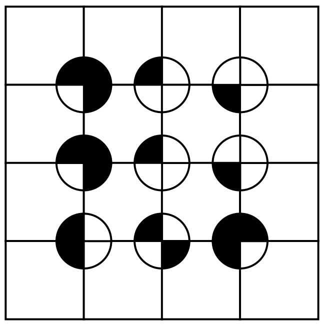
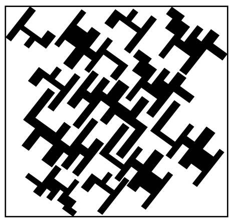


START GRID



MIRROR IMAGE

Which of the four images below is the mirror image of the one to the right?



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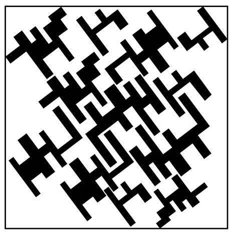

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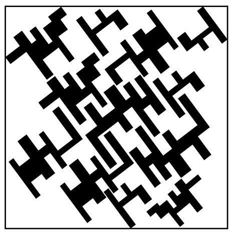

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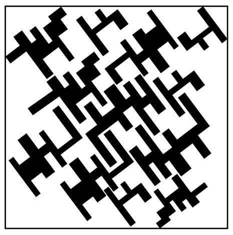

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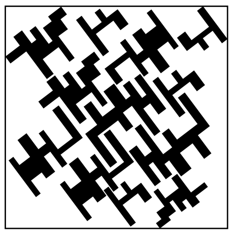
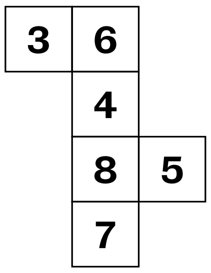


NETS

Which of these nets can be constructed to make the cube with the two opposite faces that add up to the highest number?

A



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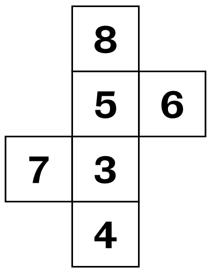

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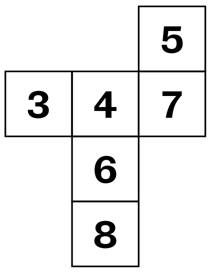


NUMBERS

SUMTHING

Place the listed numbers into the grid so that all sums are correct, reading left to right and top to bottom.

	+		=		
+	■	÷	■	×	■
	×	4	=		
=	■	=	■	=	■
	×		=		

1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 8, 9

NUMBER JIG

Which one of the listed numbers won't fit in this mini grid?

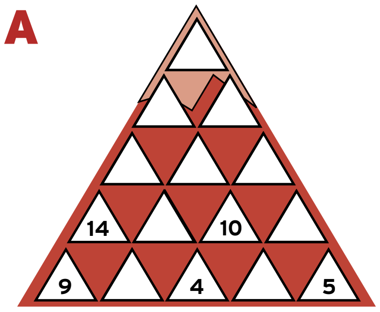
1523	**5132**
2532	**5312**
3125	

■		■	
		3	
■		■	

SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?

A



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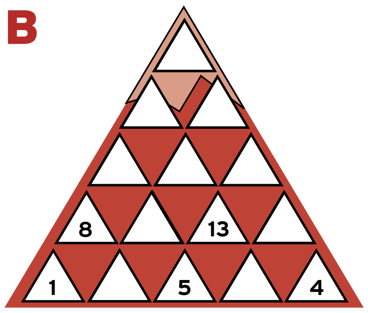


LOGIC

CELLS

Divide the grid into square or rectangular blocks, each containing one digit only. Every block must contain the number of cells indicated by the digit inside it.

			4			
3		2			3	
	4	2		2		2
		2		2	2	
4			3			
				8	2	4

REASONING

1 Rich's card is higher than Mick's, who didn't pick the spade or the heart. The person who picked the diamond has a higher card than Rick, who picked the seven. Neither the eight nor the nine were picked by Mich. Rich picked either the diamond or the heart. If the ten is of clubs, of the four cards, which did each person pick?

2 At Easter, each child received a chocolate egg of a different colour, with a different toy inside. Simon, who received the mini yo-yo, swapped for the toy found in the red egg. Shannon swapped for the toy found in the blue egg, which was not the key ring. The plastic car was inside the green egg, but Steve didn't open it. Which toy does each child now possess?

EVENS

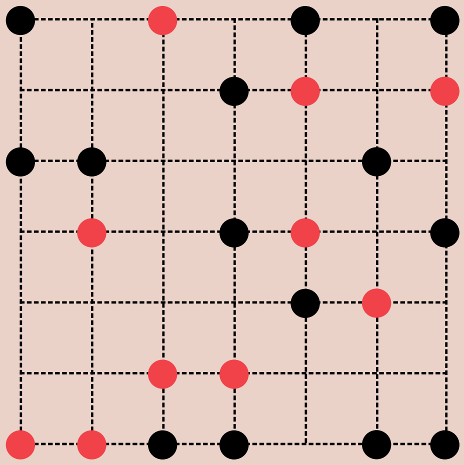
Insert any digit from 1 to 9 in the squares, so that the numbers in each row and column add up to the given totals. No digits may be repeated within a row or column, and even numbers must be placed in shaded squares.

	▨		▨	10
▨	▨		▨	13
▨	▨	▨		17
				24
16	27	11	10	

DANGO

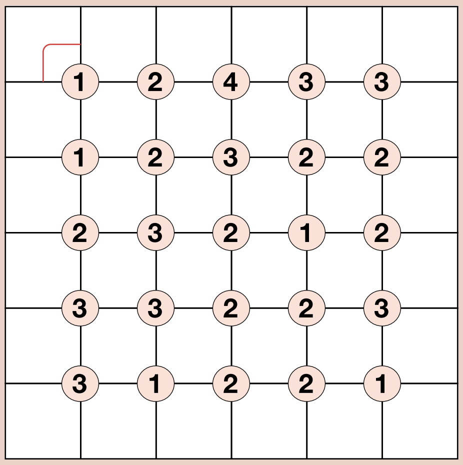
Draw lines between the dots to create four shapes in the grid. No shape may touch another and you must use all the dots. When a line reaches a dot, it turns as shown:

● 90° 🔴 45° or 135°



LOOP

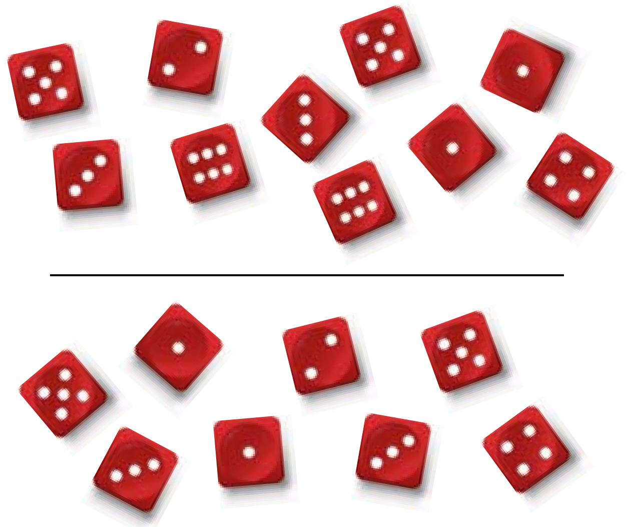
Draw a continuous loop in the grid so that the number in each circle corresponds to the number of adjacent squares containing turns in the loop. Part of the loop has been drawn to get you started.



MEMORY

DICE GAME

Cover the bottom group of dice, and look closely at the top group for ten seconds. Then cover the top group and show the bottom group. Which dice are missing?



LOST FOR WORDS

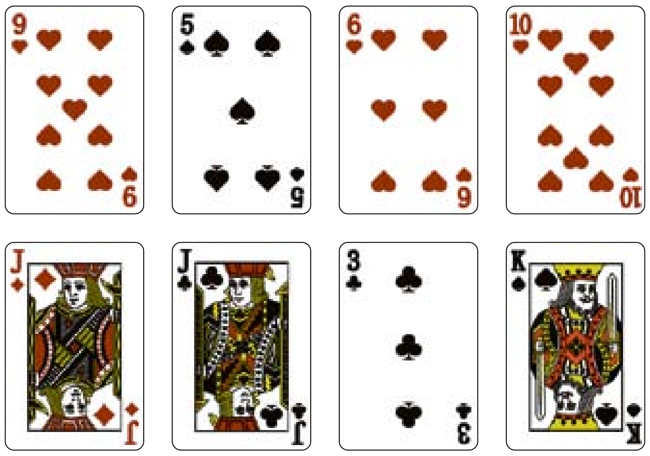
Cover the group of words on the right, then study the group on the left for two minutes. Then cover the group on the left and show the group on the right. Which words are missing?

BREECHES
CARROT
CELLO
CLOAK
COMMANDER
FAIRY
FERRY
FLUTE
HOROSCOPE
JAFFA
JITTERBUG
LIEUTENANT
LORRY
OFFICER
PLANET
RUMBA
SCORPIO
SWING
VIOLIN
WIMPLE
YACHT

LORRY
PLANET
BREECHES
RUMBA
FAIRY
HOROSCOPE
OFFICER
WIMPLE
VIOLIN
CLOAK
CELLO
CARROT
LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER
YACHT
SWING
JAFFA
FERRY

CONCENTRATION

Study this set of playing cards for thirty seconds, then cover them up and answer the questions below.



1 How many cards are hearts? 2 What is the total value of all the cards on the top row? 3 How many cards have black suits?

PUZZLES

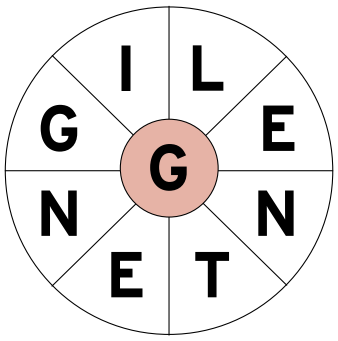
30-SECOND BRAIN TEASER

Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's puzzle. Advanced players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck!

BEGINNER 52	÷4	+59	75% of this	Reverse the digits	÷9	+52	÷3	-16	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE 9	Square it	+79	Increase by 60%	+68	3/4 of this	-84	÷3	+286	ANSWER
ADVANCED 637	-189	9/14 of this	+167	3/5 of this	+187	60% of this	-184	÷4	ANSWER

WORD WHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.



How you rate
8 average
12 good
16 very good
18 excellent

SOLUTIONS

CODEWORD
1=E, 2=C, 3=I, 4=F, 5=U, 6=A, 7=T, 8=P, 9=D, 10=N, 11=Z, 12=O, 13=W, 14=R, 15=S, 16=V, 17=Q, 18=G, 19=Y, 20=L, 21=K, 22=X, 23=M, 24=J, 25=B, 26=H

HONEYCOMB
1 Trysts. 2 Rarely. 3 Lemons. 4 Notice. 5 Eclair. 6 Alkali. 7 Lately. 8 Entail. 9 Alumni. 10 Mutter. 11 Retire. 12 String.

PATTERN MAKER
SQUARE 5. The position of each coloured square moves in the same way as a knight in chess (two steps horizontally and one vertically, or two steps vertically and one horizontally). The circle segments in diagonally adjacent squares appear in the same colour.

GIANT TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD
Across: 13 On the whole, 14 Tea rose 15 Run-out, 16 Reason, 17 Goes for, 18 Poles, 19 Hate, 20 Stand, 21 Booth, 22 Dismal, 23 Crack, 28 Spatter, 30 Notable, 33 In the dark, 36 Limpid, 38 Prime, 39 Freed, 40 Remain, 42 Storm, 43 Diverts, 44 Settle, 46 Sole, 49 Pain, 51 Assets, 53 Portend, 55 Match, 59 Despot, 60 Whine, 61 Tribe, 62 Open up, 63 Gradually, 65 Slumber, 66 Gravity, 70 Adage, 71 Should, 73 Named, 75 Slack, 80 Area, 82 Theme, 83 Noisome, 84 Reckon, 85 Spring, 86 Emulate, 87 Nail-biting.
Down: 1 Intent, 2 Chestnut, 3 Swing, 4 For good, 5 Recent, 6 Staff, 7 Warred, 8 Compose, 9 Well-earned, 10 Cross, 11 In the red, 12 Butt, 24 Cordial, 25 Leads, 26 Majesty, 27 Charger, 29 Point, 31 Opine, 32, Lift, 34 Spoils, 35 Here, 37 Parsnip, 41 Mistake, 45 Tender, 47 Partial, 48 Costume, 50 Averred, 52 Toil, 54 Trice, 56 Count, 57 Well, 58 Board, 60 Well-heeled, 64 Dogmatic, 67 Velocity, 68 Tuneful, 69 Bedevil, 72 Denial, 74 Amount, 76 Clowns, 77 Stage, 78 Hides, 79 Cribs, 81 Rapt.

GK CROSSWORD
Across: 1 Lohan, 4 Clydeside, 9 Begovic, 10 Ricotta, 11 Orme, 12 Turbulence, 14 Ken Roche, 15 Optics, 18 Llodra, 19 Capucine, 22 Blancmange, 24 LNER, 26 Nigella, 27 Arapaho, 28 Naomi Wolf, 29 Shane.
Down: 1 Lubbock, 2 Hugh Munro, 3 Navy, 4 Cachucha, 5 Yoruba, 6 Eucalyptus, 7 Itten, 8 Erasers, 13 Torricelli, 16 Irian Jaya, 17 Langlauf, 18 Lebanon, 20 Earhole, 21 Paramo, 23 Anglo, 25 Dais.

QUOTE DOWN
"My imagination makes me human and makes me a fool; it gives me all the world, and exiles me from it"

WORD LADDER
One possible answer is:
Puce, Pure, Pare, Part, Past, Mast, Must

ANAGRAMS
Ratio, Fraction, Equation, Addition, Decimal point

WORD SLIDE
Abort, about, above, adage, adore, adorn, gauge, gouge, gourd, halve, hoard, mauve, mourn

NINER
OUTSPREAD

SHAPES
22

MIRROR IMAGE
D

NETS
A

SUMTHING
5+8=13, 4x4=16, 9x2=18

NUMBER JIG
2532

SUMMIT UP
A 82 B 95

REASONING
1 Mich ten of clubs, Rich nine of hearts, Mick eight of diamonds, Rick seven of spades. 2 Simon key ring, Shannon mini yo-yo, Steve plastic car.

EVENS
1432 2614 6821 7953

DICE GAME
Six and six

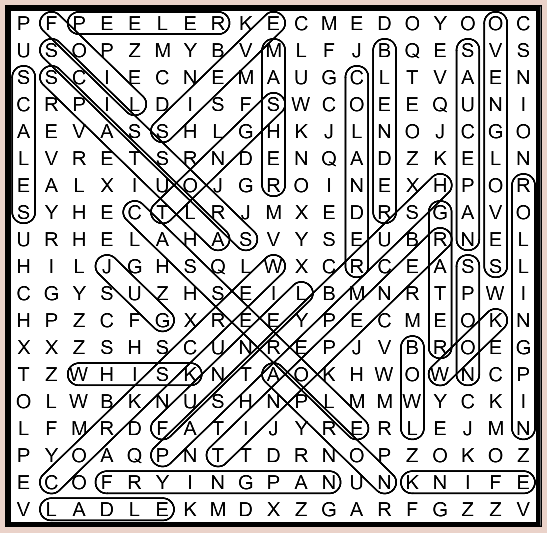
LOST FOR WORDS
Flute, Jitterbug, Scorpio

CONCENTRATION
1: 3, 2: 30, 3: 4

WORD WHEEL
engine, geeing, gelt, gene, genet, gent, gentile, gentle, gentling, gilt, glee, glen, glint, ingle, legit, liege, ling, negligent, niggle, teeing, ting, tinge, tingle.

30-SECOND BRAIN TEASER
Beginner 3, Intermediate 339, Advanced 23.

WORDSEARCH



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V	L	A	D	L	E	K	M	D	X	Z	G	A	R	F	G	Z	Z	V

ARROWWORD

		C		S		A		S		A		C			R		K
S	P	A		C	O	L		A	D	M	I	R	A	T	I	O	N
	E	R	N	E		E	R	R		U		A	B	E	T		E
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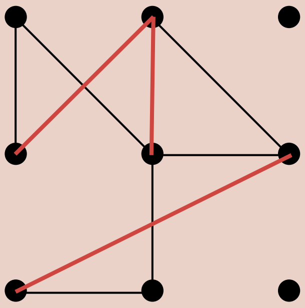
	R	E	V		R	E	L	A	Y		R	E	P	U	L	S	E

LOGIC

Person	Item	Floor	Profession
Fred	Magazine	5th	Accountant
Sam	Parcel of books	3rd	Solicitor
Alice	Urgent letter	5th	Architect
Sheila	Dry cleaning	2nd	Optician
Archie	Case of wine	8th	Writer

TRIANGLE



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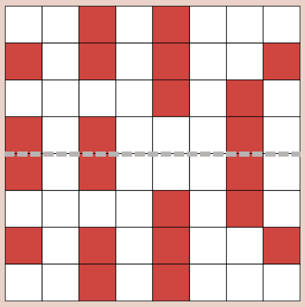

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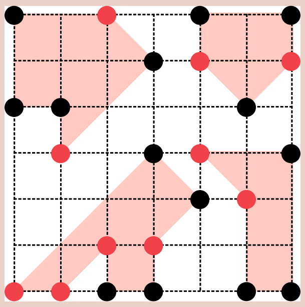

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3	4	5	7	6	1	8	2	9
8	9	6	2	4	5	3	7	1
7	2	1	8	3	9	4	5	6
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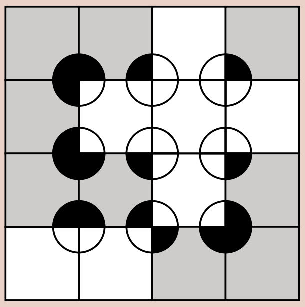
SEKI



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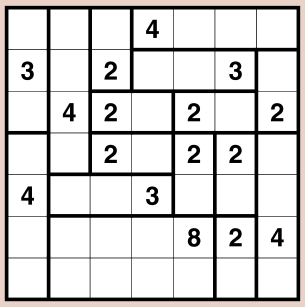

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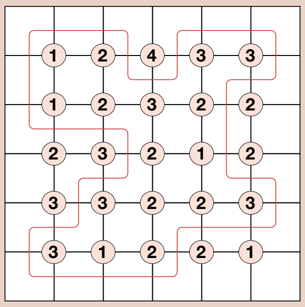

SUDOKU HARD

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9	4	1	5	6	3	2	7	8
3	8	6	9	7	2	5	4	1
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6	9	8	4	1	5	3	2	7
1	5	2	7	3	8	4	9	6
4	7	3	6	2	9	1	8	5

DOUBLE JIGWORD A

A	D	D	R	E	S	S	■	■
■	I	■	O	■	H	■	C	■
B	A	R	B	■	R	O	O	M
■	M	■	■	■	U	■	R	■
■	O	C	T	O	B	E	R	■
■	N	■	H	■	■	■	I	■
O	D	E	R	■	C	O	D	E
■	S	■	E	■	O	■	O	■
■	■	A	W	K	W	A	R	D

DOUBLE JIGWORD B

U	S	E	D	■	I	O	T	A
■	A	■	A	■	D	■	E	■
A	R	T	I	L	L	E	R	Y
■	T	■	S	■	E	■	M	■
V	O	W	■	■	■	A	I	L
■	R	■	O	■	E	■	N	■
F	I	S	H	E	R	M	A	N
■	A	■	I	■	R	■	T	■
A	L	S	O	■	S	E	E	R

BATTLESHIPS